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Retrospect

In this changing world!

Retrospect "51"

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Schools can

Nineteen hundred and fifty-one . . . more than fifty memorable, history-making years have passed. But what changes they have wrought!

The little one-room schoolhouse has been replaced by the modern brick structure. Students now ponder not alone over the 3 R's, but over more up-to-date problems such as vocational guidance, atomic research and analytical geometry. Slightly "beat-up" saddles supplant the very fashionable high button shoes, and feather bobs pronounce once popular pompadours as outdated. B. H. S. athletes no longer "sink that ball" into the antiquated peach basket, but now "peg their shots" into the modern netted hoops. The psychologist of today frowns upon the use of the dreaded hickory stick. The Charleston stages a popular comeback to prove that all changes aren't new ones.

The development, progress and advancement of the past half-century are featured as definite highlights in this, the 1951 RETROSPECT.

Left (top to bottom): Our summer vacation drawing to an untimely close, we found it a decided effort to sit in one seat for an hour stretch during the autumn months. A virtual winter wonderland could often be observed from our school windows, since this was a year for record snow fall. Welcome always is spring greenery during the metamorphosis of the seasons.

change, too!

ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY,

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Right (top to bottom): Mr. Hamblen and Mrs. Wilkinson with the Street Fair Exhibit. Art Reed snaps graduates Jerry Crandall, Margaret Toms, Marilyn Harnish, John Meyer and Don Croy. Rem Johnston, Kay Earhart and Chuck Boltin learn the gentle art of bagpipe blowing from "Scotty" McLean. Bill Langel, manager, and diamond quintet, Joe Knoble, Fred Nickel, Chad High, Bill Kyle and Buddy Hay.

The changing world accents

work, play, study . . .

"VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE"—

Opposite page: (upper left) A posed picture. . . . (upper right) Bookkeepers Millington, Jr. Kipfer and John Meyer. . . . (center left) Miss Pringle (Warner) explodes her views to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly (Pfister and Ramsey) and Jane Ann (Baird). . . . (center right) Student librarian Toms assists Keller and Harris. . . . (lower left) Chemistry quiz kids McBride, Markley, Brickley and Phillabaum. . . . (lower right) Forward March! Stogdill, Niblick, McCarty and Fetters.

This page: (upper left) Driving experts Miller, Johnson and Markley indulge in horseplay. . . . (upper right) "Does it fit?" Mr. Schlatter questions Niblick, Pearson and Wile. . . . (center) Under construction—Miss Huffman, O'Brien, Harnish, Grover. . . . (lower left) Transformation! Mr. McNown and Pfister. . . . (lower right) Trophy regained to the delight of Moser, Speheger, Gregg, Santon and Fitzpatrick.

There is emphasis on a definite

plan for the Future . . .

HEALTHY, INFORMED CITIZENS

Opposite page: (upper left) Jim Kipfer, Ed Betz, K. O'Brien and T. Cobb enjoy shop class. . . . (upper right) R. Melton and J. Williams on K. P. duty. . . . (center left) Thompson, Mr. Ulmer and Ross study new U. N. flag . . . (center right) C. Smith and R. Somers write vocational themes, too! . . . (lower left) Mr. Tucker gives T. Pfister and A. Keller a few pointers on choosing a job. . . . (lower right) "Have I gained?" asks Steele of Sullivan.

This page: (upper left) Grove and Gregg take audiometer test. . . . (upper right) Dunwiddie and Houchin drill on voting system. . . . (center) Nurse Fellows checks Bercot's vision. . . . (lower left) McFarren and Osborn wait turns for chest X-rays.

We still find time for

SCHOOL ISN'T ALL CLASS WORK

This page: (upper left) Hi-Y initiates Sands and Roth at the mercy of Boltin, Moser and Meyer. . . . (upper right) Larry Denman seems amazed as Birch, the magician, produces a rabbit from unsuspecting Jerry Messick. . . . (lower right) As Marylou Johnson sews, N. E. I. C. banners are examined by Student Council members, M. Markley, Speheger, Bayless and Brewer.

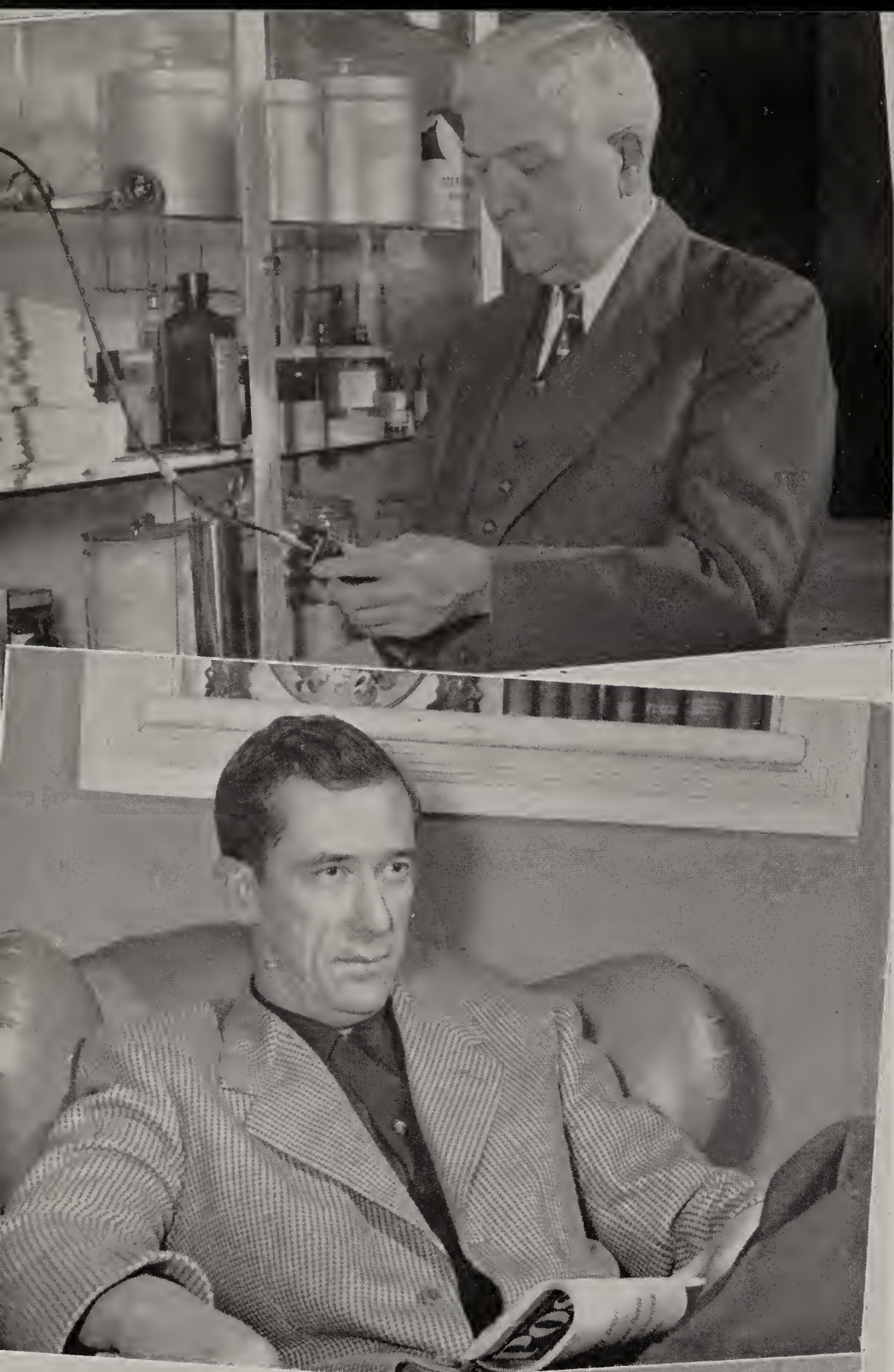
Opposite page: (upper left) Jr. play dramatists, J. Meyer, Warner, O'Brien and Fitzpatrick, display dance night at Pointer College. . . . (upper right) Weaver and Krinn, Y-Teen pledglings, accept the key of membership from Grover, Miss Huffman and Reiff. . . . (center right) Micklitsch, V. Meyer, Heller and Deam purchase tickets from Mr. Ratliff. . . . (lower left) "Club 50" in the making—(seated) Baird, Maddux, Gleim, Bachelor and (standing) Boltin. . . . (lower right) Sr. play leads, Grover and Earhart.

extra curricular activities

Our

Administration and Faculty,

up-to-date to the nth degree, supplement our progress in the 3 R's for a richer, fuller future.



Administration —

Yes, our schools have changed! We have progressed from the one-room school of yesteryear to our spacious system of buildings today, and many changes are yet to come.

Plans have been completed for a new gymnasium-auditorium, which will accommodate four thousand people. There will be modern dressing rooms and athletic offices. The building will also include classrooms for industrial arts, band, vocational home economics and agriculture.

But these changes can be made only through expert leadership. We have this in our board of education. Dr. Brickley, through his everyday contact with the community, Mr. Markley, as a sports' enthusiast, and Mr. Edris, as a civic-minded lawyer, realize that more and more space will be needed. Our school board has made many improvements in the past and all indications are that they will make many more in the future.

Right, top: Dr. H. D. Brickley, one of Bluffton's leading physicians, serves efficiently as the president of the board.

Center: Mr. Homer Markley, employed in Ft. Wayne, performs the role of board secretary by keeping accurate B. H. S. records.

Bottom: Mr. John Edris, a well-known Parlor City lawyer, capably fills the exacting position of board treasurer.

plan for future changes

Superintendent Willey discusses Y-Teen receipts and expenditures with Shirley Reiff.

Pleasant and sympathetic, but authoritative and deliberate, he constantly works at promoting the best in education for the Bluffton students. Working with our school board, he enthusiastically advances any projects for the development of a better educational system. Much credit goes to our competent superintendent, Mr. Willey, for helping plan and devise changes for progressive procedure in the future

Principal Park supplies Jim Bachelor with sage advice and a wealth of career information.

Friendly and helpful, yet stern and dynamic, he advises and counsels with us in our efforts to cope with the problems of today. He capably leads us through our dark moments and shares in our joys and happiness. Many thanks for the untiring efforts of our principal, Mr. Park, in helping us to build a sturdy foundation for a worthy life.

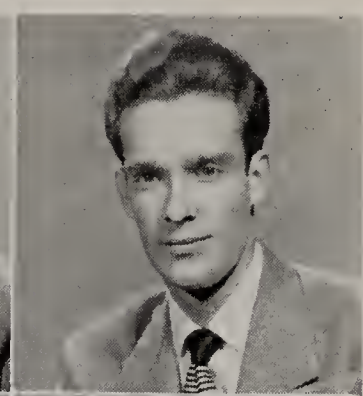
Secretaries Sills and Dotterer smile, even though that stencil obviously spells work ahead.

Whether signing pass slips or typing reports, our secretaries always have time for personalized service. Mrs. Sills, secretary to the principal, maintains a record of absentees, tardiness, scholastic achievement and other student activities. Mrs. Dotterer, the former Phyllis Gerber, who is secretary to the superintendent, keeps a detailed account of the financial status of the schools and their organizations and orders all supplies.

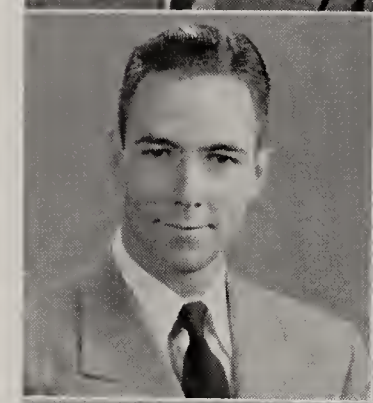
Faculty — Nagel, Sullivan,

Bennett, Robert N.
B.M., Butler University; Com. Law, Bookkeeping, Com. Geog., Com. Arith.; Freshman Class Sponsor.

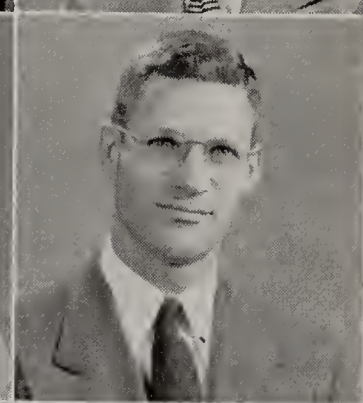
Chamberlain, Harold L.
B.M., Indiana University; Vocal Music; Director of the Girls' Glee Club; Director of the Hi-Y Chorus.



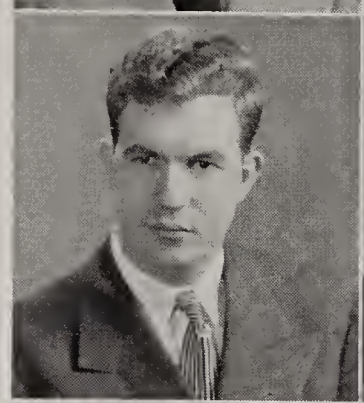
Compton, Leroy
B.S., Butler University; Head Basketball Coach; Head Baseball Coach; Football End Coach.



Dold, Leslie A.
B.S., Butler University; Econ., Civics, Safety, Health Ed.; Sophomore Class Sponsor; Head Football Coach; Head Track Coach; Asst. Basketball Coach.

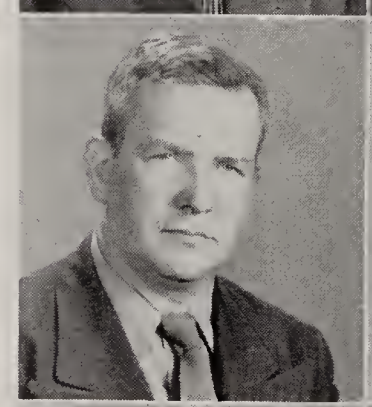


Hamblen, John
A.B., Indiana University; Gen. Math., Alg., Geom.; Sophomore Class Sponsor; Math Club Sponsor.



Huffman, Jacqueline
B.S., Purdue University; Home Economics; Y-Teen Sponsor; Girls' 4-H Sponsor.

Larmore, Joseph F.
B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Woodshop, Gen. Shop, Shop Math.; Junior Class Sponsor; Football Line Coach.



Luce, Marie (Swisher)
A.B., Ball State Teachers College; Art; Married to Cleveland Luce this year.

McNown, Edwin R.
A.B., Indiana University; English; Freshman Class Sponsor; Director of Dramatics.

Nagel, Eileen
B.S., Indiana University; Latin, English; Junior Class Sponsor; Latin Club Sponsor; Asst. Director of Dramatics.

Park, Fred F.
A.B., Ball State Teachers College, M.S., Indiana University; Principal; Physics, Math.; Comet Adviser; Retrospect Business Adviser.

Powers, Margaret
A.B.; DePauw University; Shorthand, Typing, Office Practice; Senior Class Sponsor; National Honor Society Sponsor.

Chamberlain added to teachers' roster

Ratliff, W. C.
A.B., Indiana University; Biology, Chemistry; Senior Class Sponsor; Ticket Chairman for School Activities.

Schlatter, J. Robert
B.M., Indiana University; Instrumental Music; Director of the Band; Member of the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic.

Sullivan, Ann
A.B., Ball State Teachers College; Girls' Health Ed., English; Freshman Class Sponsor; G. A A. Sponsor; Asst. Director of Dramatics.

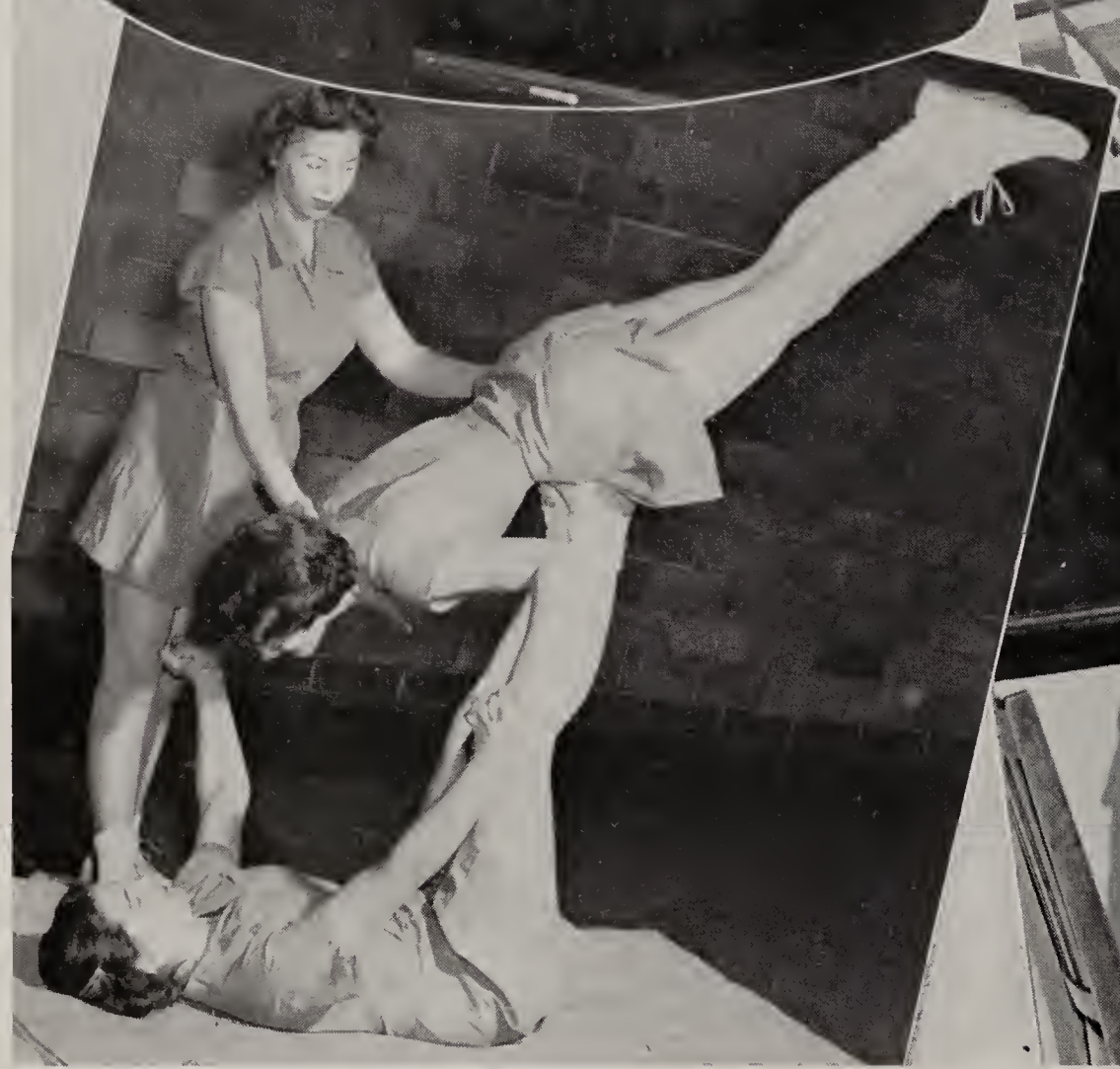
Templin, L. E.
B.S., Manchester; Printing, Drawing, Gen. Shop; Junior Class Sponsor; Director of Athletics; Intramural Sponsor.

Ulmer, Lloyd A.
B.S., Ball State Teachers College; History; Senior Class Sponsor; Hi-Y Sponsor.

Wentz, Ralph G.
B.S., Purdue University; Agriculture, Safety, Biology; Sophomore Class Sponsor; F. F. A. Sponsor; Boys' 4-H Sponsor.

Wilkinson, Donna
B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Library; Retrospect Editorial Adviser; Quill and Scroll Sponsor.

Lower left: Mr. Chamberlain at his 8 a.m. session.
Lower right: Miss Nagel and Miss Sullivan give their undivided attention to our "Clementine" thespians.



Classroom — progressive procedure is the keynote

This page: (upper left) Everett Elliott shows us all the angles. . . . (upper right) "Temp" oversees blueprint reading by Les Faus. . . . (lower left) Gymnastically known as an "Angel Balance," Barbara Bracht (standing), Barbara Byrd and Marcia Jump (in air). . . . (lower right) Mart Warner and Jackie Somers pool their artistic talents.

Opposite page: (upper left) "Latin Today" as studied by Rita Gass, Larry Garton and Eva Zook. . . . (upper right) Ted Johnson, Don Gerber and Bob Gleim make use of the agriculture library. . . . (center left) *Treasure Island* projects are inspected by Bud Bennett, Paul Osborn and Harriet Sprague. . . . (center right) "'Come out of your cage," says Don Meyer to shopster Glen Arnold. . . . (lower left) "Ah! Ahh! Ahhh!"—Glee Club "warms up". . . . (lower right) Marlene Beer measures hem of prize winning dress as proud seamstress, Clara Jane Herrberg, displays her hat to Ninetta Barr.

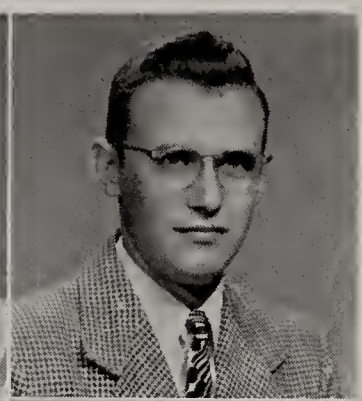
Our

Classes,

though they are
much larger than
the "good ole days",
make the required
progress and advancement
for clasping that
coveted diploma.

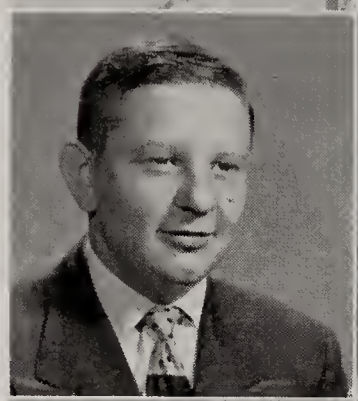
Seniors — elect officers, present "Clementine"

BETTIE ANDREWS
General. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Glee. G.A.A. Award. Queen of the Soph. party . . . has her major "B" in G.A.A. . . . make-up and wardrobe committeeman for the class plays . . . likes to design homes for a pastime.



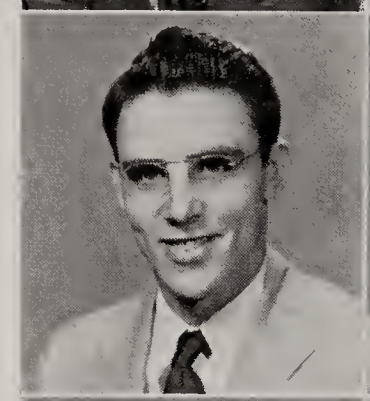
GLEN ARNOLD
General. F.F.A. 1. Quite a radio enthusiast, which may account for his nickname of "Shocky" . . . would like to go to a radio technician school . . . definitely not the boisterous or "girlsterous" type.

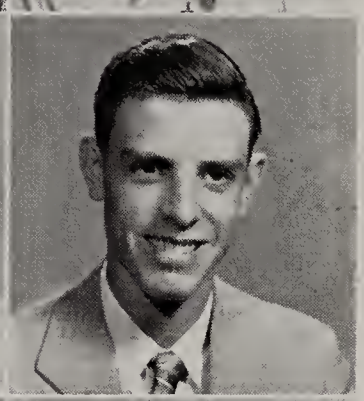
JAMES BACHELOR
Academic. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Math Club; Band 1, 2, 3; Football; Basketball Student Manager 1; Intramural. Forward for the "Fairies" intramural basketball team. . . . Uncle Sam permitting, "Bach" wants to pursue an M.D. degree at I. U.



NANCY BAIRD
Academic. Class Vice-Pres. 2; Class Sec. 4. Y-Teens; Glee 1, 2; Quill and Scroll, Scribe 4; Retrospect Literary Editor; Nat'n. Honor Soc., Sec. 4. Latin Award. Fr. Dance Queen. Jr. Play; Sr. Play. R & S cover girl.

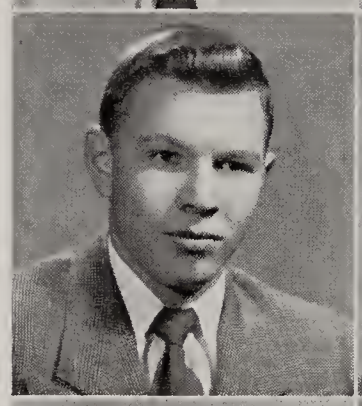
EDWARD BETZ
General. Softball; Baseball; Intramural. Enjoys hunting and fishing . . . plans after graduation include truck driving . . . mechanically inclined . . . his greatest ambition, we are proud to state, is simply to graduate.





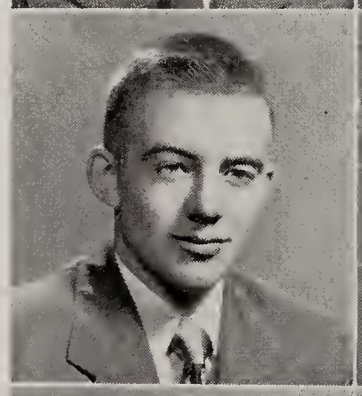
HOMER BETZ
General. Varsity; Softball; Baseball; Intramural. Guard for the intramural "Fairies" basketball team . . . "Zeke" came through with some badly needed diamond hits . . . a factory job, plus a little hunting, will be his future.

CHARLES BOLTIN
General. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Math Club; Band 1, 2, 3; Comet; Retrospect Sports Editor. Varsity; Football; Track; Basketball Student Manager; Intramural Captain. Band Award. Jr. Play. Honorable mention as N.E.I.C. All-Conference football guard.



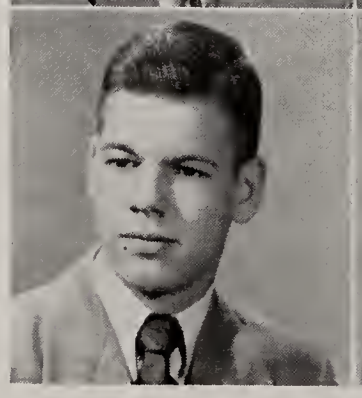
BARBARA BRACHT
General. Y-Teens. Country gal . . . a fourth and fifth period office practitioner . . . someday she'll be somebody's secretary . . . quite a gymnast . . . handy with a basketball . . . just call her "Barb."

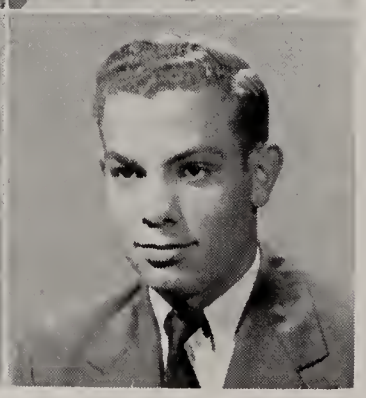
JERRY BRAUN
General. Student Council 3; Sr. Rotarian. Varsity; Basketball; Football; Baseball; Intramural. Member of the intramural "Jig-A-Booz" . . . future plans include Ball State training . . . . "Rome" is a "pigskin papa," says he.



BARBARA BYRD
Commercial. Y-Teens; Retrospect Typist. Would like to work (for pay) for awhile before entering business college . . . has given generously of her free time to the Morris five and ten . . . sees "Retro" copy in her sleep.

TOMMY COBB
General. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus 2; Football 1; Basketball Student Manager 1, 2. Has had the dubitable honor of being both a patient and a worker at the clinic this year . . . quite a philatelist . . . marinebound.

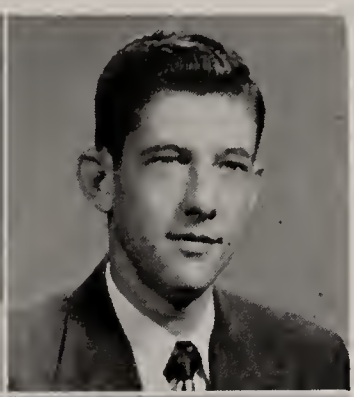




DUAYNE COBBUM
Agriculture. F.F.A. Intramural. 4-H Awards. Guard for the intramural "Muckets" . . . likes nothing better than finding a mink in his traps on a cold morning . . . his future will center around farming.

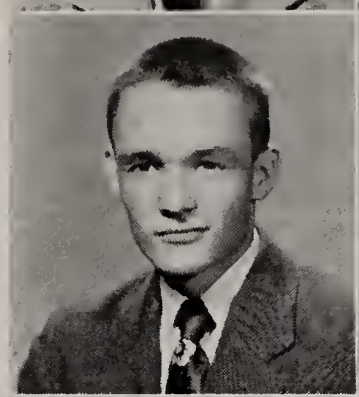
to a packed house, pose for "Retro" photographer . . .

JAMES COSTELLO
General. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus 2, 3; Retrospect Sports' Staff; Sr. Rotarian. Varsity; Basketball; Football; Baseball; Intramural. The "Macs" intramural guard . . . plans include obtaining a Ball State degree . . . Retro staff driver.



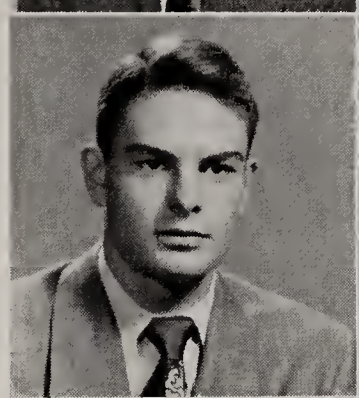
JERRY CRANDALL
General. Hi-Y. Intramural. Guard for the intramural "Twerps" . . . really an authority on model airplanes . . . post-graduate plans include working at the International Harvester in Ft. Wayne.

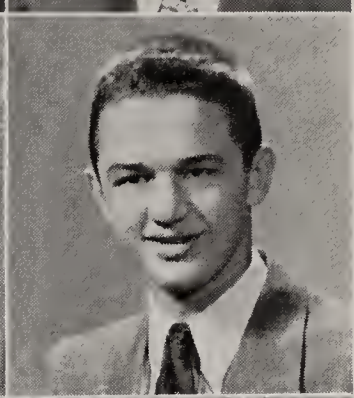
DONALD CROY
Industrial Arts. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Retrospect Reporter. Varsity; Track; Intramural. 4-H Awards. Jr. Play. Sr. Play. Intramural "B. B's." guard . . . member of record-breaking mile relay team . . . stole many a play scene.



GEORGE DUNWIDDIE
Agriculture. F.F.A., Sentinel 3. 4-H and Judging Awards. Aspires to be a million-dollar ploughboy . . . likes nothing better than blue ribbon livestock . . . considers exhibiting it his chief hobby.

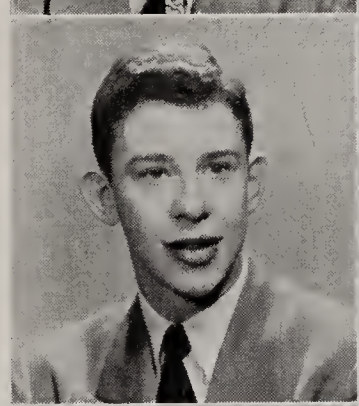
KAY EARHART
General. Class Vice-Pres. 1; Pres. 2. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus, Sec. 3; Math Club; Comet; Student Council 2; Sr. Rotarian. Varsity; Track; Basketball; Basketball Student Manager; Football; Intramural. Jr. Play. Sr. Play. Jr. Town Meeting M. C.

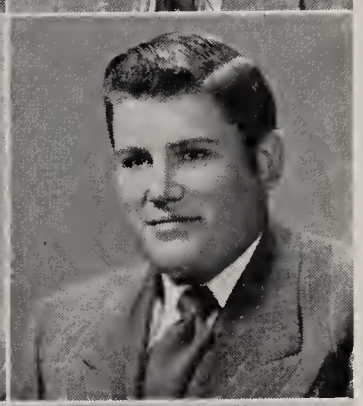




KENNETH FETTERS
General. Hi-Y. Intramural Captain. Fr. Dance King. Piloted the intramural "Geeks" to a championship . . . quite a checker fiend . . . sees that you get the news "hot off the press" . . . intramural forward.

JAMES FITZPATRICK
Academic. Class Pres. 1. Hi-Y, Treas. 3; Math Club, Treas. 3; Latin Club, Treas. 3, Vice-Pres. 4; Comet; Retrospect Sports Staff; Student Council; Nat'n Honor Soc., Pres. 3. Sr. Rotarian. Varsity; Basketball; Football. Latin Contests. Jr. Play. Jr. Town Meeting.



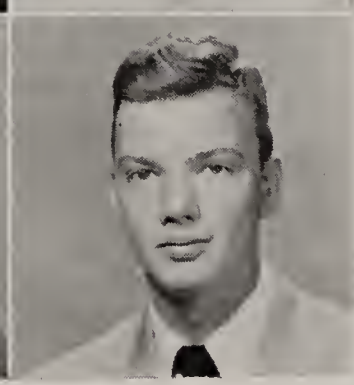


ROBERT GLEIM
Agriculture. F.F.A. Intramural. 4-H Awards. Worked on stage crew for class plays . . . very handy with the buzz-saw . . . has a serious intention of becoming a truck-driver . . . not easily perturbed.

CAROLYN GROVER
General. Y-Teens, Pres. 4; G.A.A.; Glee 1, 2, 3; Comet; Student Council 4. Jr. Play. Sr. Play. G.A.A. Award. Glee Award. Plans to attend International Business College . . . interpreted "Clementine" for dramatic lovers.

MARILYN HARNISH
General. Y-Teens; G.A.A. 1; Band, Librarian 4; Glee 1; Retrospect Typist; Nat'n Honor Soc. 4. 4-H Awards; Band Award. Came from Union Center as a sophomore . . . reads much . . . wants to be a secretary.

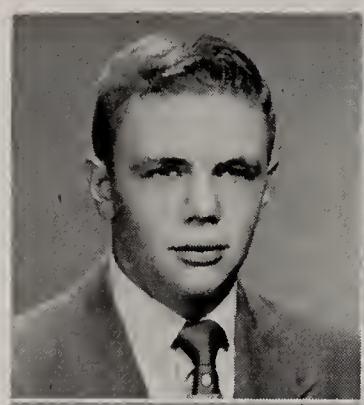
WILLIAM HARRIS
Industrial Arts. Track Student Manager 1; Intramural. Utilized his height as center for the Intramural "Muckets" . . . a thrilling "hot-rod" race is his idea of a day well spent . . . hopes to be a mechanic.



JAMES HARVEY
Academic. Class Athletic Councilman 2. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Math Club; Band; Comet. Track; Intramural; Football Student Manager 2. Band Awards. Guard for the "Fairies" intramural team . . . headed for Purdue.

Seniors — order name cards and commencement

KENNETH HEDGES
General. Class Sec. 2. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Latin Club; Retrospect Reporter; Student Council 1, 2, 4; Sr. Rotarian. Varsity; Football; Baseball; Intramural Captain. Prowess as guard gave him berth on N.E.I.C. All-Conference football first team.

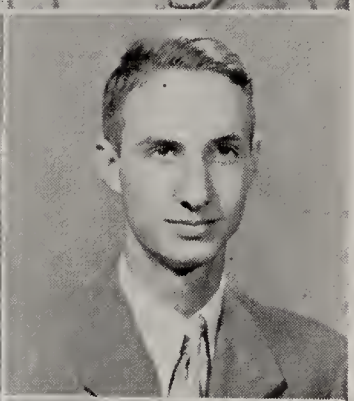


DENISE HEFTY
Commercial. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Glee 3, 4; Retrospect Reporter. Secretary for the Girls' Bowling League . . . came to us in her sophomore year from Phoenix, Arizona . . . our Charleston lassie on page thirty-seven.

JANICE HOUCHIN
Commercial. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Glee, Vice-Pres. 3: Comet. Came from Archbold, Ohio, as sophomore . . . pert drum majorette . . . office work is her choice for a career . . . a slight brunette with dark, sparkling eyes.

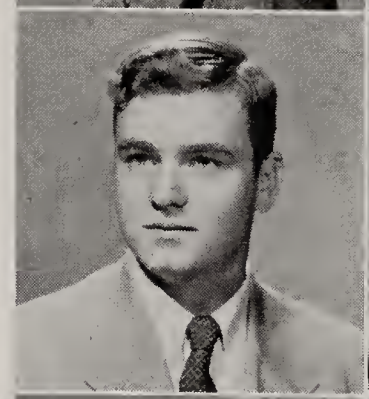
CYNTHIA HUMPHREY
General. Class Treas. 1. Y-Teens. Sr. Play. Cynthia Humphrey, R.N.—wishful thinking . . . oh, how she hates to get up in the morning . . . modern grad on our end sheets . . . "Cin" to everyone, she knows no stranger.

MARYLOU JOHNSON
General. Y-Teens; Band, Librarian 3; Comet; Band Awards. Goal is to be a housewife . . . culinary artist and a snappy seamstress . . . her hair is her crowning glory . . . plans to mix marriage with beauty school.



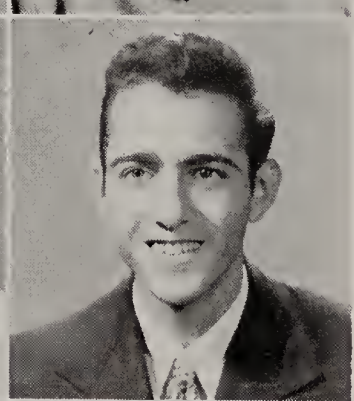
WILLIAM JOHNSON
Academic. Class Vice-Pres. 4. Hi-Y, Treas. 4; Math Club; F.F.A.; Nat'n Honor Soc. 4; Sr. Rotarian. Football; Football Student Manager 4. 4-H Awards. Our old-timer on page fifty-one . . . "Willie Pierre" reads for a hobby.

REMINGTON JOHNSTON, III
Academic. Class Pres. 3, 4. Hi-Y Chorus, Pres. 4; Math Club; Latin Club; Comet 1, 2, Ed. 3; Quill and Scroll, Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Retrospect; Student Council 1-4. Nat'n Hon. Soc. 4, Pres. 4. Sr. Rotarian. Varsity; Football; Baseball; Intramural. Jr. Play.



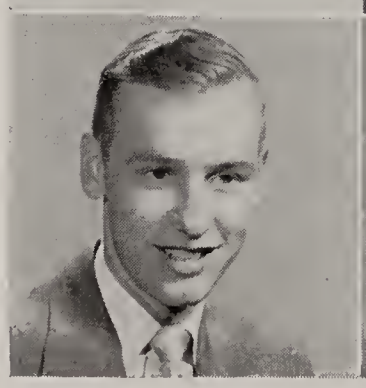
MARCIA JUMP
General. Y-Teens; Glee. Jr. Play Prompter. Sr. Play Prompter. An office worker to be . . . wavy, midnight tresses . . . goes steady as a hobby . . . loves music, especially, the drums . . . always quiet and demure, we think.

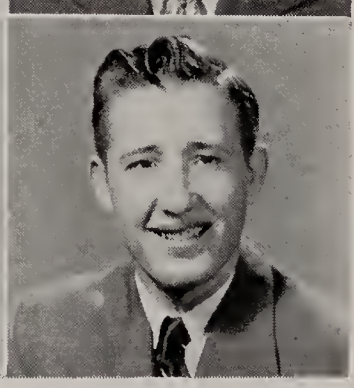
ALBERTA KELLER
Academic. Y-Teens; Latin Club, Vice-Pres. 3; Band 1, 2; Comet; Student Council 3. Band Award. It's Franklin College for "Bert" . . . advertising committee chairman for Jr. and Sr. class plays . . . infant custodian.



CHARLES KELLER
General. Art contests. Outstanding art talent . . . likes to dance . . . sporty dresser . . . plans to be an independent working boy . . . journeys often to the "hoop-happy" town . . . tall and dark.

JAY KIPFER
General. Class Athletic Councilman 3. F.F.A., Sec. 3; Quill and Scroll 4; Retrospect Business Manager. Student Council 4; Nat'n Honor Soc. 3, 4. Sr. Rotarian. Intramural. Bob Hannie Memorial Award; 4-H and Agriculture Awards; Math Award.

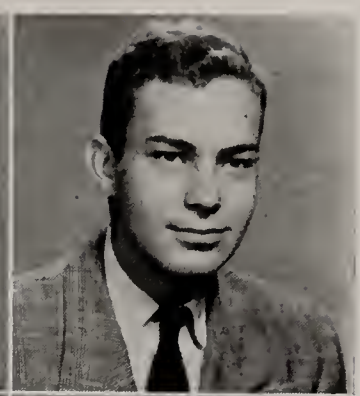




DONALD KNOX
General. Varsity. Basket ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4. Honorary basketball captain. N.E.I.C. basketball honorable mention. Our modern "hoopster" on page fifty-one . . . a set-shot artist, "Hopper's" interest has always centered around the "swish" of the nets.

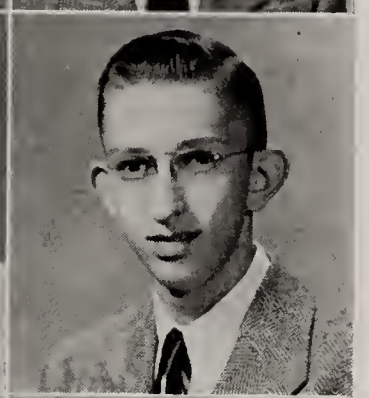
invitations, frolic at Kids' Day . . .

WILLIAM LANGEL
General. F.F.A., Treas. 3; 4 year Jr. 4-H Leader. Varsity; Baseball Student Manager; Intramural. Agriculture Awards. Room 9 is his second home . . . "Just Plain 'Bill' " . . . motors undergrad sis to school.



ROBERT McCARTY
General. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Latin Club 3, 4. Intramural Captain; Football. Forward for the intramural team bearing his name, the "Macs" . . . hates for classes to deprive him of extra-curricular fun.

CAROLYN MADDUX
General. Y-Teens; Glee. Jr. Play. Aspires to be a "lady in white" . . . quite an authentic old-timer, grasping the sheepskin on our end sheets . . . always cutting her locks . . . prompt, fun-loving.

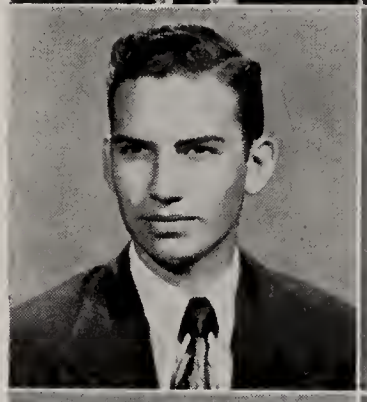


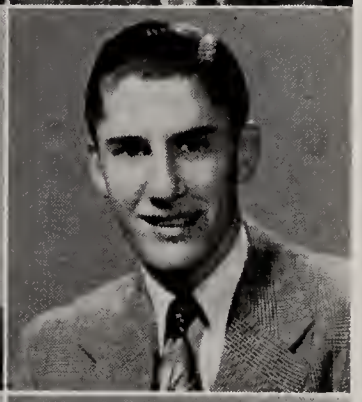
DONALD MEYER
General, 4-H 1, 2. Avid camera fan . . . seems to fall asleep easily . . . resides in Riverside . . . polite, quiet and considerate . . . has endeavored to combine after-school work with lessons.

JAMES MEYER
Academic. Class Vice-Pres. 3. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Math Club; Sr. Rotarian. Varsity; Track; Football; Basketball; Intramural. Guard for the intramural "Macs" . . . he's "Mizzie" to everyone . . . energetic newspaperman . . . coin collector.

JOHN MEYER
General. Class Athletic Councilman 4. Jr. Play; Sr. Play. "Gus" is his unofficial moniker . . . model building is his official hobby . . . a hardware business is his heart's desire.

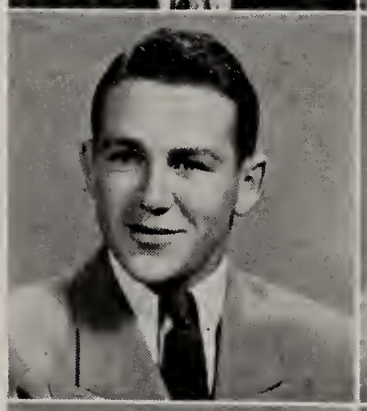
ROBERT MILLER
General. Class Athletic Councilman 1. Intramural. Forward for the "Fairies" intramural basketball team . . . he wears the mortar board on our end sheets . . . wants to do construction work . . . "Bob", for short.





WILLIAM MOSER
Commercial. Hi-Y, Hi-Y Chorus; Sr. Rotarian; Varsity; Basketball; Football; Track; Baseball; Golf. Honorable mention on the N. E. I. C. All-conference football and basketball teams . . . transferred from Ft. Wayne South Side as a sophomore.

JAMES R. NIBLICK
Academic. Class Sec. 1. Hi-Y; Math Club; Band, Student Director 3, 4, Pres. 3, Drum Major 4; Retrospect Reporter; Student Council 2. Golf; Intramural Captain. Band Awards. "Young Man With a Horn" . . . "Izzie" to barber college.



CAROLYN NOONAN
General. Y-Teens; G.A.A., Glee; Retrospect Reporter. Loyal committee worker . . . hopes to become a very efficient receptionist . . . enjoys hobby of collecting what-nots . . . tall, slender, full of vitality.

CAROL O'BRIEN
General. Class Sec. 3; Class Treas. 4. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Glee; Cheerleader 4. Jr. Play. That's Carol, plus pigtails, behind the stereoscope on page nineteen . . . bound for business college . . . enjoys sketching.

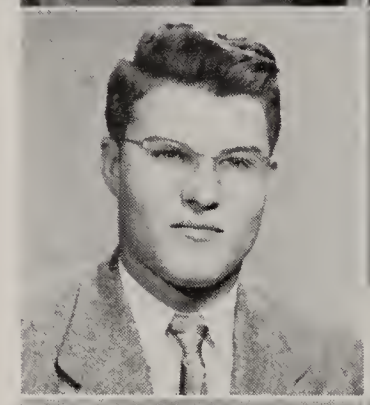
KELLY O'BRIEN
General. Forward march to the army . . . "K. J." to his business associates . . . his office—the "Subway" . . . had the thrilling experience of wrecking two Fords in a week's span.

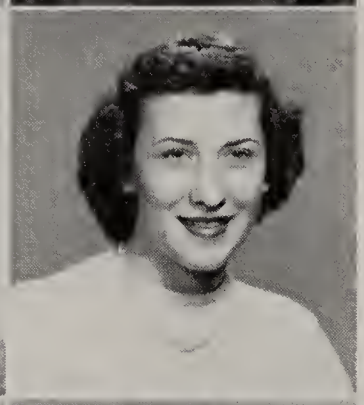
Seniors — attend Baccalaureate, receive honors

NORMA PARK
Academic. Class Treas. 3. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Math Club, Reporter 4; Glee, Treas, 4; Comet; Quill and Scroll 4; Retrospect Associate Editor; Nat'n Honor Soc. 4. Glee Award. Math Award. G.A.A. Award. Jr. Play; Sr. Play Prompter. The "People's" choice.

GERALDINE PERRY
Commercial. Y-Teens; Glee 1; Retrospect Typist. Snapshot enthusiast . . . curly coiffure of her own, someday will be a beauty operator to help less fortunate ones . . . "Gerrie" spends after-school hours at Morris's.

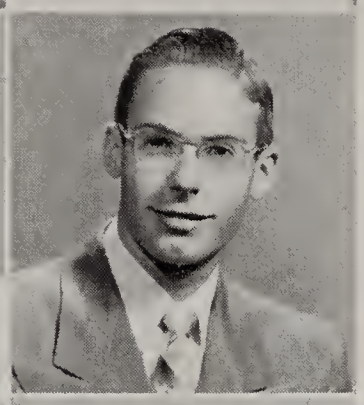
THOMAS PFISTER
General. Math Club, Pres. 4; F.F.A.; Retrospect Reporter; Student Council 4; Nat'n Honor Soc. 4. Intramural. 4-H Award. Sr. Play. Center for the "Macs" intramural basketball team . . . a sports loving son of of the soil.





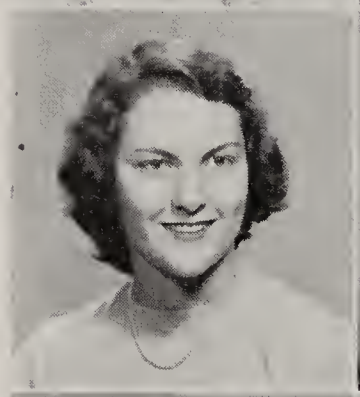
RACHEL RAMSEY
Commercial. Y-Teens. Sr. Play. Transferred from Marion High School in her senior year . . . plans to return to Marion for business college training . . . no one could match "Rae's" enthusiasm as the Tiger five performed.

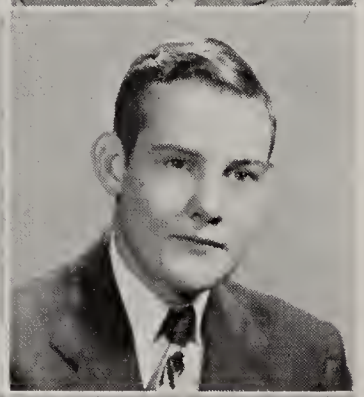
PATSY REBER
General. Y-Teens. The slim and silent type . . . printed pages soothe her mind . . . plans to enter the clerical field . . . balance sheets hold no terrors for her . . . she's known as Pat . . . a willing committee helper.



ARTHUR REED
Academic. Hi-Y; Math Club; Band, Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Retrospect Photographer. Intramural. Band Awards. Music Contests. Sr. Play. More medals than a 4-star general . . . ardent lover of the ivory keys . . . I. U. for him.

SHIRLEY REIFF
General. Y-Teens, Treas. 4; Glee. Nat'n Honor Soc. 4. Glee Award. Jr. Play; Sr. Play. Candidate for the title of "Jr. Miss Indiana" . . . aims to be a secretary . . . had the title role in "Mother is a Freshman."



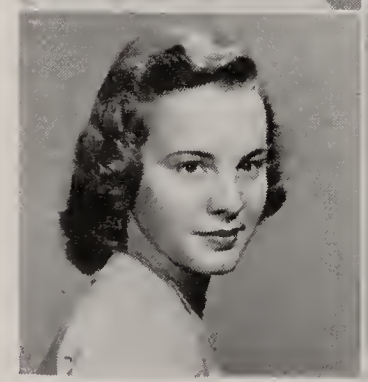


CHARLES SMITH, JR.
General. Hi-Y. Varsity. Track Student Manager 4; Football 1; Intramural. Forward for the "Jig-A-Booz" intramural team . . . repairs soles . . . candidate for Uncle Sam's navy . . . one of B. H. S.'s most popular chauffeurs.

RITA SOMERS
Commercial. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Glee. G.A.A. Award. Typewriter tickler and shorthand expert . . . has natural aspirations to be a secretary . . . another asset to Morris's five and ten . . . she's called "Reet" for short.

CLARA LOU STEELE
General. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Band; Retrospect Reporter. Band Award. Give the lady a horse to ride . . . everybody calls her "Clarie" . . . wants to be a secretary . . . uses the first bell for her alarm clock.

FLOSSIE STOLLER
General. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Cheerleader 3. Made part of trousseau in home ec. class . . . honeymooned in Florida . . . a farmer's wife is she . . . luckily, loves to cook and sew . . . dainty and petite with big brown eyes.



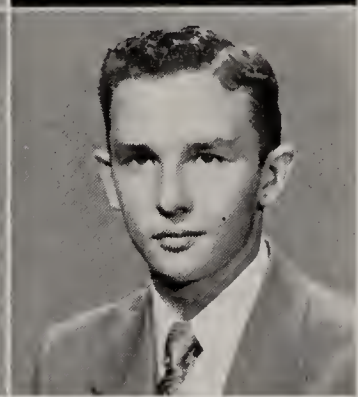
SHARON SUTTON
Academic. Y-Teens; G.A.A., Pres. 4; Math Club; Glee, Pres. 4; Comet; Retrospect Reporter; Student Council, Sec. 4; Nat'n Honor Soc. 3, 4, Sec. 4. Latin Award; Glee Award; Psi Ote Ring; D. A. R. Award; G.A.A. Award. Jr. Town Meeting. Jr. Play Prompter.

at Class Day and, finally, Commencement

EVELYN SWEENY
General. Retrospect Reporter; Student Council 4. Member of Walter Zuercher's Accordion Band . . . teaches the gentle art of accordion playing, also . . . sports new car . . . an apt home economist . . . giggles and giggles.

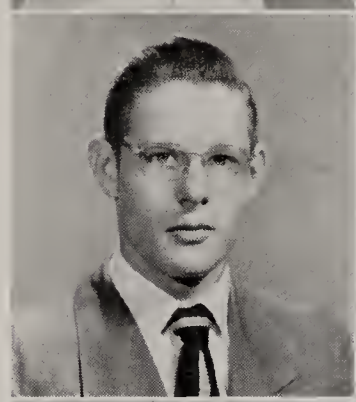
MARGARET TOMS
General. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Glee; Comet. G.A.A. Award. Jr. Play. Library Student Assistant. "Maggie" has an endless capacity for fun . . . clothes right out of "Ruth's" (first choice) . . . demon on the dance floor.

JOYCE TYNDALL
Academic. Y-Teens, Vice-Pres. 3; Latin Club, Pres. 4; Glee; Quill and Scroll 4; Retrospect Editor-in-Chief; Student Council 4; Nat'n Honor Soc. 3, 4, Sec. 3. Glee Award. Jr. Play; Sr. Play. Another "Retro" editor De Pauw-bound.



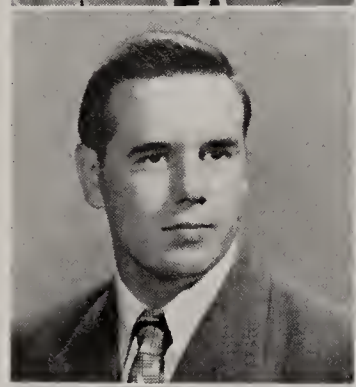
JACK UPTGRAFT
General. Hi-Y 2, 3. Baseball; Intramural Captain. Led the intramural "Twerps" through the fracas . . . a happy hunter is he . . . never do today what you can put off until tomorrow . . . we call him "Upty."

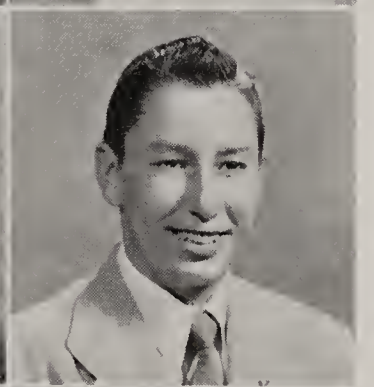
JERRY VAUGHN
General. Football. Intramural Captain. Forward for his intramural "Muckets" . . . enjoys magazines with plenty of pictures . . . a hunter's life for him . . . wants to be a successful farmer.



MARTHA WARNER
General. Y-Teens. Cheerleader 4. Jr. Play; Sr. Play. Posed in her white strapless gown for our activities division page . . . I. U.-bound . . . commercial art, her aim . . . quite a convincing hatchet face in "Clementine."

DONALD WENGER
General. Hi-Y. F.F.A, Pres. 3; Student Council 1, 3, 4, Pres. 4; Sr. Rotarian. Football; Intramural Captain; Basketball. Captain-center for the "Fairies" intramural basketball team . . . an athletic farmer with brawn.





WILLIAM WILE
Academic. Hi-Y, Vice-Pres. 4; Math Club; Band, Vice-Pres. 4; Retrospect Assistant Photographer; Student Council 4. Intramural. Band Awards. A chest full of ribbons and medals . . . vigorous cornet player . . . loves to dance fast.

DORIS WILSON
General. Y-Teens; G.A.A.; Retrospect Typist. Sparkling eyes that match the diamond on her third finger, left hand . . . has worthy intention of becoming a good housewife . . . willowy "Willie."

RICHARD WORTHMAN
General. Hi-Y; Sr. Rotarian. Varsity. Basketball; Football, Honorary Captain 4. First team guard on the N.E.I.C. All-Conference basketball five . . . first team end on the N.E.I.C. All Conference grid squad; noted on those of A. P, U. P. and Clark.

Graduates not pictured: Archie J. Shaffer, qualified on the basis of the G.E.D. test.

Open Letter to B. H. S.

Dear Colleagues,

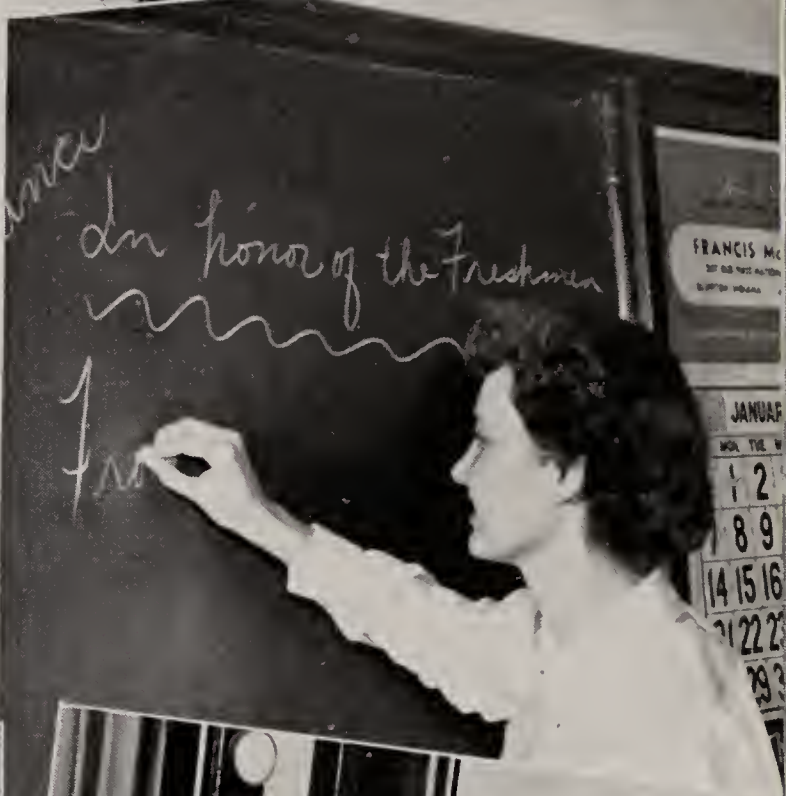
It's been a busy year; (counterclockwise) Our class officers, Johnson, vice-pres.; Johnston, pres.; Meyer, athletic council; Baird, sec.; and O'Brien, treas., led our class play campaign . . . Don't see how those ping pong fanatics, Crandall and E. Betz, ever found time to indulge with so much doing. . . . We had chest X-rays Oct. 24. Reiff stood in line two hours for hers. . . Some of the boys, (top to bottom) Wenger, Meyer, Earhart, Hedges, Moser, Kipfer, Johnson, Johnston, Costello and Fitzpatrick, were chosen as Sr. Rotarians. . . . Incidents seem to happen faster than our editors, Park, Tyndall and Baird, can record.

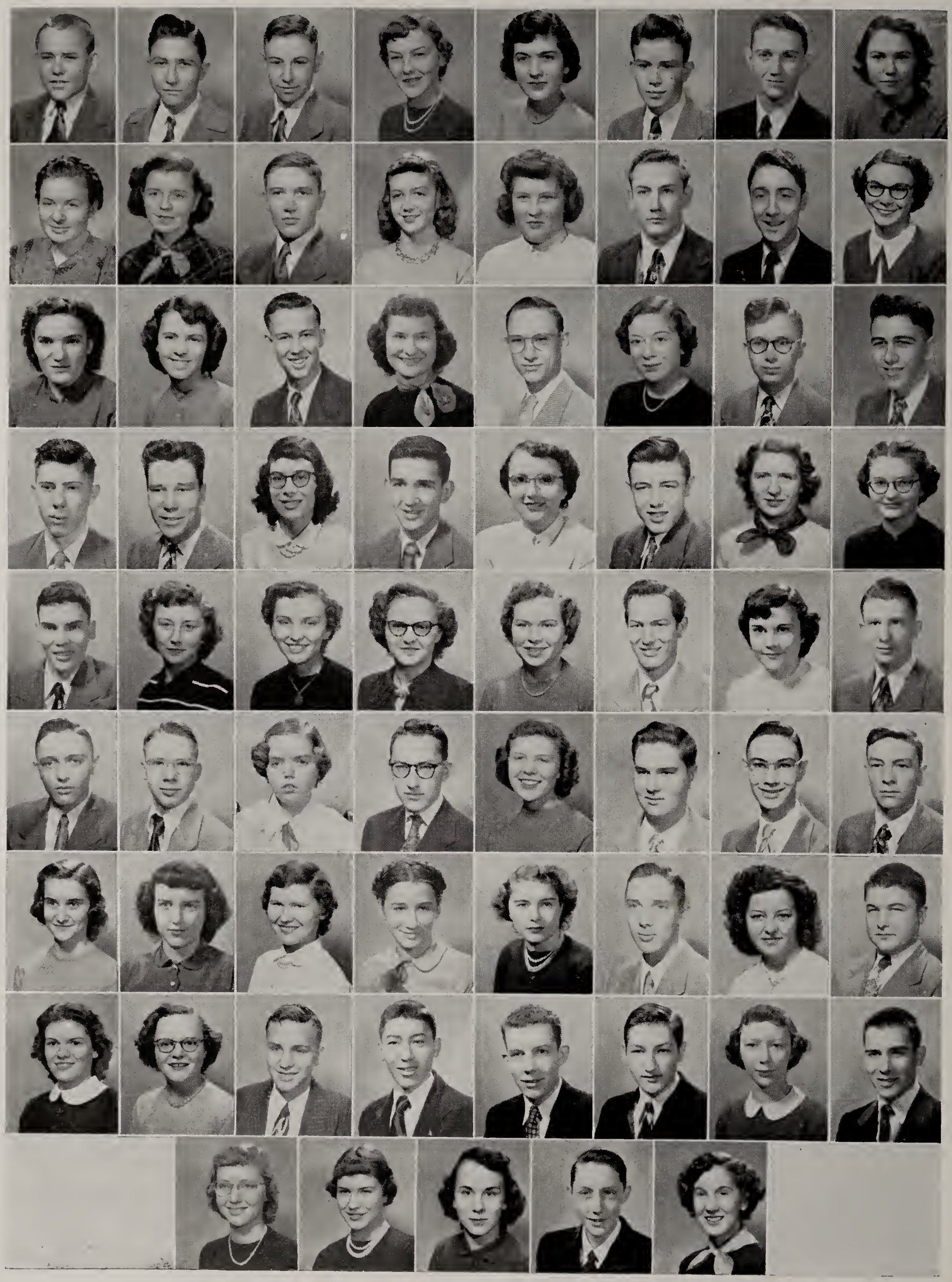
(clockwise): Our untiring sponsors, Mr. Ratliff, Miss Powers and Mr. Ulmer, coped with ticket sales and concession stands. . . . Remember that huge Christmas tree that Hi-Y'er's Wile and Croy helped decorate? . . . Carolyn Noonan wasn't the only senior who puzzled over dance jingles! . . . Our school played host for the district Hi-Y and Tri-Y conference —Fitzpatrick and Johnston enjoyed the interesting "meetings" . . . And as history was being made, Art Reed was making a pictorial record of it (model-Carolyn Grover).

Yes, it has been a busy year!

Your doting classmates,

Seniors





Juniors — present play, reception

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Row 1: D. Athan, Bercot, Biberstein, Boswell, Brickley, C. Brown, Bulger, Clanin.

Row 2: Cooper, Craven, J. Croy, S. Curry, M. Davis, D. DeArmond, Elliott, Elston.

Row 3: D. Elzey, Fately, Faus, Joyce Fetters, Fornshell, Gallman, M. Gerber, Gilliom.

Row 4: Gregg, Grove, C. Hammond, R. Hay, K. Hefty, High, C. Herrberg, M. Holloway.

Row 5: Holsinger, Ingmire, Irish, R. Johnson, H. Kahn, D. Keller, Kiefer, Jr. Kipfer.

Row 6: Knoble, Kyle, Lakey, W. McBride, Betty McCarty, R. McFarren, McIntosh, McKee.

Row 7: S. Markley, C. Miller, Jean Miller, Millington, Minnich, Nickel, B. Osborn, R. Osborn.

Row 8: Pearson, Phillabaum, Shady, Sands, Santon, Shepard, A. Sowards, Speheger.

Row 9: N. Sprague, J. Stogdill, Terhune, V. Vore, Zook.

Right, Top to Bottom: Nancy Sprague, treasurer, completes a three-year sale of booster buttons as she tags President Ned Speheger. Buddy Hay, vice-president, and Vic Vore, athletic councilman, supervise while Barbara Pearson, secretary, is left "holding the bag" . . . "Romeo" Gerber escorts Joan Stogdill, Mary Ingmire and Jean Miller . . . Mr. Larmore, Miss Nagel and Mr Templin, junior sponsors, study class play prospects . . . Judy Irish, Chad Fornshell, Chad High and Mary Jane Minnich seem undecided over rings, but Nancy Sprague has made her choice.

Sophomores — join Y-Teen, Hi-Y

Left to Right

Row 1: B. Arnold, Barr, Beer, Esther Betz, Billingsley, Bowman, R. Bracht, Brewer, R. Brown.

Row 2: J. Byrd, Carnall, Jim Cobb, Collier, Conklin, Cossairt, Courtney, Cupp, Deam.

Row 3: Dobson, R. Ellenberger, Ferguson, French, C. Garrison, Garton, Gass, D. Gerber, Guldice.

Row 4: D. Hammond, V. Harvey, Heller, Hook, David Irving, Darrell Irving, Kaehr, Kean, Jim Kipfer.

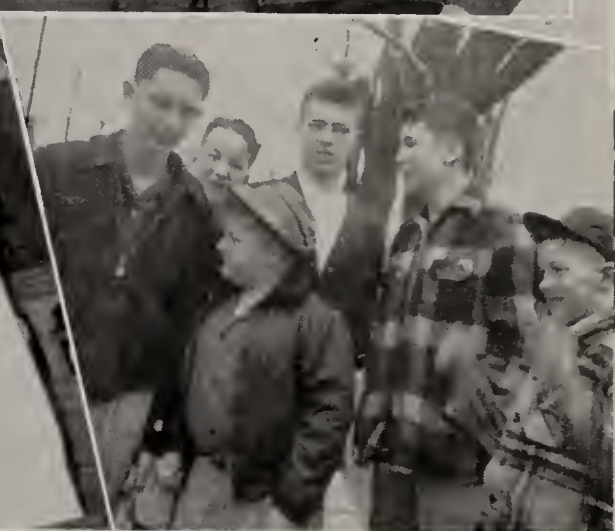
Row 5: Joyce Krinn, Judy Krinn, Kummer, Lane, C. Langel, Lounsbury, McKinney, Manley, A. Markley.

Row 6: Mead, Melton, Joan Messick, F. Meyer, M. Milholland, Norma Miller, Muster, B. Myers, K. Noonan.

Row 7: Oman, J. Osborn, P. Perry, Reid, F. Reiff, Roth, Rothgeb, Sawyer, Schott.

Row 8: J. Somers, T. Stogdill, Swagart, Tangeman, M. Taylor, Thoma, Thompson, Ulmer, B. Uptgraft.

Row 9: V. Van Emon, Venis, D. Vore, Weaver, Welsh, Whitman, J. Williams, M. Williams, Woodard, Young.



Right, top to bottom: Judy Krinn, treas.; Norma Reid, sec.; Fred Reiff, vice-pres.; Ray Brewer, pres.; Roger Roth, athletic council. . . . Gass, French, Billingsley and Hook take Y-Teen vows. . . . Meyer, Young, Carnall, Hammond, Stogdill and Irving talk over the affairs of the day. . . . Sophomore Sponsors Dold, Hamblen and Wentz post coming events. . . . "Day is done"—Oman and Collier.

Freshmen — elect feminine proxy

Left to Right

Row 1: Armey, P. Arnold, R. Athan, Barton, Bayless, Baylog, C. Bennett, Bertsch, K. Boltin, Bowen.

Row 2: Boyle, L. Brown, Jerry Cobb, Collins, J. Curry, C. DeArmond, Deming, Denman, Donnelly, C. Ellenberger.

Row 3: S. Ellenberger, Emshwiller, Farling, Jerry Fetters, Foster, J. Garrison, Gebele, Geisel, G. Gerber, Harmon.

Row 4: Morris Harnish, D. Hay, J. Herrberg, Higgins, Hinesley, G. Holloway, Hovde, Hower, Hyde, P. Johnson.

Row 5: T. Johnson, Justice, M. Kahn, R. Keller, King, Kleinknight, M. Larmore, Lee, Leimgruber, Lockwood.

Row 6: McAdams, E. McBride, C. McCarty, J. McFarren, Mallers, M. Markley, E. Messick, Jerry Messick, V. Meyer, Micklitsch.

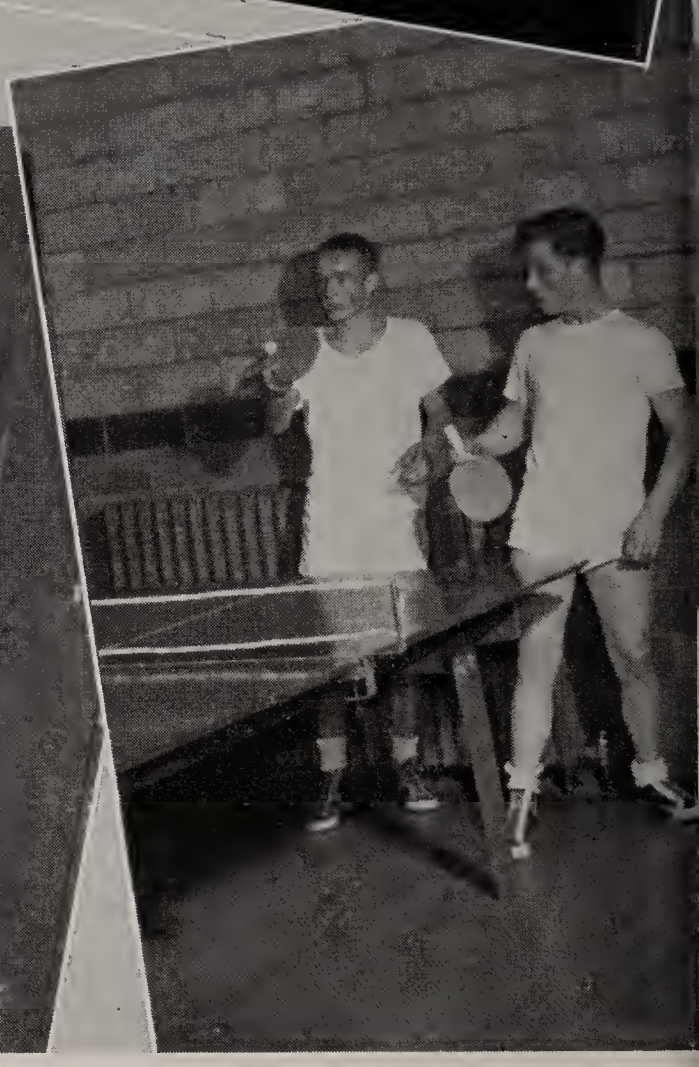
Row 7: Joyce Miller, M. Miller, Neenah Miller, S. Miller, R. Milholland, Mitchell, C. Moser, F. Moser, R. Moser, Munson.

Row 8: Murray, P. Myers, Mygrant, J. Noonan, M. O'Brien, Oliver, O'Rourke, P. Osborn, Reecer, T. Reiff.

Row 9: W. Reiff, Rhodes, Robbins, Ross, Rush, Schaefer, N. Sowards, H. Sprague, R. Stogdill, Strain.

Row 10: Stuck, K. Taylor, R. VanEmon, P. Vore, B. Wenger, White, S. William, Wolfcale, Zingsheim, Zoll.

Right, top to bottom: Vice-President Munson, Secretary McFarren, President Markley, Treasurer O'Brien and Athletic Councilman Harnish. . . . "Come one, come all!" beckons Sprague, official barker of the "Y-Teen Bigtop". . . . . Study! Study! Study? . . . Mr. Bennett, Mr. McNown, and Miss Sullivan discuss the trials and tribulations of freshman sponsorship. . . . Trainer Bayless puts Bessie, the wonder horse, through her paces.



Nothing static about life at Bluffton High!

This page: (upper left) Election time for Bulger, Sweeny, Reber, Fately and Holsinger . . . (upper right) Sign here! Brown and Hovde . . . (lower left) B. H S.'s version of Grand Central Station with Elzey, Osborn, Shepard and DeArmond . . . (lower right) Twenty-up and their serve? Croy has it, Cobbum; never free. Opposite page: (upper left) Hi-Y—Tri-Y officers dine at training conference . . . (upper right) B. H. S. beauty, Shirley Reiff . . . (center left) Election returns busy Uptgraft, Vaughn, Baird and Ramsey . . . (center right) Actives Hefty and Boswell examine the regalia of the Krinn sisters, Y-Teen pledges . . . (bottom left) Double trouble—Irving twins . . . (bottom right) A heated discussion involves Warner, O'Brien, Tyndall and Toms of "Mother Is a Freshman" fame.

Our

Activities,
far from the calm
sewing circles or
husking bees of
the past, typify
the fast, pell-mell
pace of life in
our time.

Jay Kipfer . . . efficient records, not chaos.

Joyce Tyndall . . . big decisions to be made.

Norma Park . . . in every picture, a story.

Nancy Baird . . . much ado about a deadline.

Retrospect — deadline met, dream realized

"But where will we find a 'flapper dress'?"

Times have changed. Joyce Tyndall and Norma Park became more and more aware of this fact as the book progressed. Nancy Baird raced with time to get her copy in before press date. Play-by-play accounts of the "sports world" were related to us by our sports editor, Chuck Boltin, and his assistants, Jim Costello and Jim Fitzpatrick, while illegible copy was interpreted by Marilyn Harnish, Gerrie Perry, Barbara Byrd and Doris Wilson, typists. Our photographic editors, Art Reed and Bill Wile, furnished us with many on-the-spot snaps. In our effort to prepare for and meet the deadline, our editorial adviser, Mrs. Wilkinson, doggedly steered us.

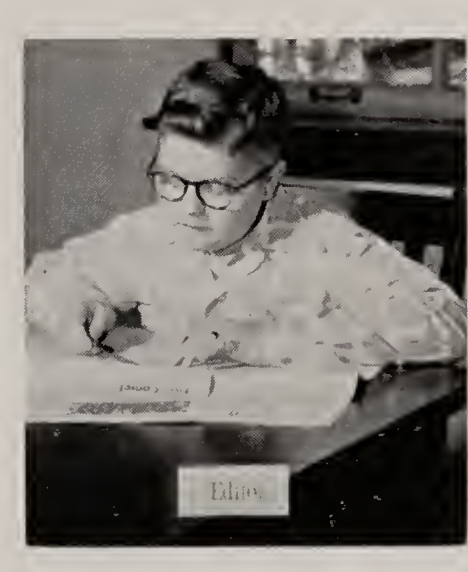
Jay Kipfer, under Mr. Park's guidance, had more than his share of headaches managing the many business details of our book.

All our anxious moments were rewarded when our finished copper colored volume was in our hands.

Back Row: Fitzpatrick, C. Boltin, Wilson, G. Perry, Reed, Costello, Wile. Front Row: Marilyn Harnish, Mrs. Wilkinson, B. Byrd.

Upper left: Loren Camp makes a big purchase from salesmen Joan Messick and Barbara Deam. Right: Mr. Park explains fundamentals to editorial staff members, Connie Miller, Jim Harvey and Bill Reiff.

Comet — edited by underclassmen



Ned Carnall . . . live news.

Joyce Fetters . . . broad sales.

An informed student body and faculty for Bluffton High School is the goal of the school paper, the "Comet."

The "Comet" affords those who are interested in the field of journalism a chance to experiment and learn. The editorial staff this year was made up largely of underclassmen who had had little experience in the ways of the press. This obstacle admirably overcome, a worthwhile selection of issues was published. The staff considers the traditional green and white Christmas edition and the sectional tourney copy, with the wealth of information on our foes, its finest publications.

Ned Carnall, a sophomore, served as editor-in-chief while Joyce Fetters led the business staff. The unheralded financial workers are responsible for the circulation of the paper and the soliciting of ads. Mr. Park was the much needed adviser.

Often it meant working overtime to make the deadline, but with all the hard work came a great amount of satisfaction and pride in seeing the finished articles in print.

Upped left: (standing) Nickel, Sutton, S. Reiff, N. Sprague; (seated) Pfister, Fitzpatrick, Brickley, S. Markley. Upper right: Awaiting dinner, Nancy Sprague, Tom Pfister, Bill Johnson and Marilyn Harnish entertain themselves by a warm fire. Lower left: Jay Kipfer, Sue Markley, Miss Powers and Fred Nickel dine. Lower right: (standing) Marilyn Harnish, Miss Powers, Johnston; (seated) Jay Kipfer, W. Johnson, Baird, N. Park, Tyndall.

National Honor Society — stresses scholarship, service character, leadership

Once again the students of B. H. S. made their way to the gymnasium. The air was tense; the audience became quiet quickly. Jim Fitzpatrick, president, gave the introduction. Sharon Sutton, the secretary, read the names of the newly-elected members. The students gave their clap of approval as Nancy Baird, Marilyn Harnish, William Johnson, Norma Park, Thomas Pfister, Shirley Reiff, Diann Brickley, Sue Markley, Fred Nickel and Nancy Sprague walked to the stage.

Joyce Tyndall and Jay Kipfer, continuing with the ceremony, told that eligibility for the society is based upon four cardinal principles—scholarship, leadership, character and service; and that in order to be elected one has to be in the upper third of his class. The initiates stood and repeated the pledge. As the induction came to an end, membership certificates and pins were given to the new members. As the curtains closed, those present realized that the thrilling moment had come and gone.

Newly-elected officers are Rem Johnston, president; Fred Nickel, vice-president; and Nancy Baird, secretary. The organization is excellently sponsored by Miss Powers.

Student Council — democratic government in the making

"Quiet! The meeting will now come to order. Parliamentary procedure will prevail."

The Student Council functions in a legislative capacity to consider the welfare and progress of the students of Allen High School, to try to create a better relationship between the students and the faculty and to sponsor worthwhile programs for the students.

The council is composed of the presidents of the senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman classes; presidents of the Hi-Y, Future Farmers of America, Y-Teen, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Band, Girls Glee Club, and Girls Athletic Association; the editors-in-chief of both the Retrospect and Comet, and a representative from each home room. Officers for this year were Don Wenger, president, and Sharon Sutton, secretary.

During the past year the council, under the guiding hand of Mr. Park, has set up committees for selecting convocation programs for the year. The making of banners to represent each of the Northeastern Indiana Conference teams, which were placed in the gymnasium during the basketball season, was directed by a council committee.

Many of the problems of the student groups were discussed, adjusted and improved.

Bottom, upper left: (back row) Jay Kipfer, F. Meyer, Speheger. (front row) Carnall, Sweeny, Tyndall and Wenger presiding. Upper right: Student councilmen Brewer and Vore count the money which was contributed by B. H. S. students to the U. N. fountain fund. Lower left: (back row) K. Taylor, T. Stogdill, Jim Cobb, J. Croy. (front row) Bayless, M. Markley, Mallers and Sutton calling the roll. Lower right: (back row) V. Vore, High, W. McBride, Grover. (front row) Wile, Johnston, Fitzpatrick, Hedges and Mr. Park advising.

Future Farmers

The forty acres of land which was farmed by Bluffton's chapter of the F.F.A. not only replenished the treasury, but gave practical experience in farming as well. This affords an agricultural laboratory in which new farming methods are tested—learning by doing.

Thirteen juniors and seniors of the chapter made a three-day trip to Chicago in December. Ten members earned their Chapter Farmer Degrees and were presented F.F.A. jackets.

The leadership, cooperation and citizenship which are developed in this training will make worth-while Future Farmers of America.

Quill and Scroll

The Peggy Goodin Chapter of Quill and Scroll is now our official title on the international records of the society. The national prominence Miss Goodin has achieved in the field of writing made her an overwhelming choice.

Juniors and seniors, in the upper third of their classes, who have done superior work in journalism are eligible for membership in Quill and Scroll.

Rem Johnston served as host at an initiation banquet. Following the ceremony each new member was presented with a pin and membership card. Mrs. Wilkinson is our new adviser.

This page, left to right: Sponsor Wilkinson, Park, Jay Kipfer, Vice-Pres. Joyce Fetters, Pres. Johnston, Tyndall, Scribe Baird. Opposite page, left: (Back row) Sutton, Reporter Park. (Second row) Librarian Cooper, Brickley, Vice-Pres. S. Markley, Phillabaum. (Third row) Fitzpatrick, Sands, V. Vore, Muster, W. Johnson. (Front row) Elliott, McIntosh, Nickel, Johnston, Pres. Pfister. Right: (Back row) Sponsor Hamblen. (Second row) Billingsley, Thoma, Sec. N. Sprague, Mead. (Third row) Treas. French, Reid, Venis, Tangeman. (Front row) McKee, F. Meyer, Gilliom, D. Hammond. Members not pictured: David and Darrel Irving, Young, T. Stogdill.

Opposite page, left: (standing) Sec. D. Athan, Reporter Biberstein, Jay Kipfer, D. Wenger, Ferguson, Sponsor Wentez, Cobbum, R. Athan. (seated) Vice-Pres. Brewer, Pfister, Sentinel R. Ellenberger, Dunwiddie. Right: (standing) Treas. B. Langel, B. Myers, Guldice, Morris Harnish, Pres. Bercot, Lane, T. Johnson. (seated) Gleim, M. Milholland, D. Gerber, R. Milholland. This page, left to right: Johnston, Treas. W. McBride, Pres. Tyndall, A. Keller, Vice-Pres. Fitzpatrick, Sponsor Nagel, Bob McCarty, Sec. Brickley, Hedges.

Latin Club

The Sodalitas Latinae has as its purpose to extend Latin further into our social lives and to show how closely related Latin and English really are. Having been organized in 1949, the club is still young.

In the realization of its goal, the foreign language contingent has learned that both work and pleasure are useful. Although the membership was relatively small, it did little to dampen the enthusiasm for social gatherings. A party at the State Forest and a supper and Christmas exchange at Joyce Tyndall's home were '50-51 highlights.

Math Club

The Arc of Alpha, during its third year, has furthered its aims of increasing the knowledge of mathematics; learning to perfect skills in geometry, algebra and other mathematics; giving service to the community and nation, and understanding the importance of mathematics in life.

The members spent many hours working on a blackboard graph stencil which was the club project for '50-51.

The organization was divided into the following committees: The Euclidean Rulers, The Archimedians, The Nupierian Twigs, The Pythagoranites, Hero's Angels and Watt's Chain Gang.

Y-Teens—Contribute Christmas Boxes to needy

The formal initiation of thirty-one new members marked the beginning of the Y-Teen activities for this year.

Christmas boxes were given to needy families. On January 5, each member entertained her best beau at "The Circus." The mothers were guests at the traditional Mother and Daughter party in the spring.

The Y-Teen club has experienced a successful year under the guidance of Carolyn Grover, president; Barbara Pearson, vice-president; Jane Thoma, secretary; Shirley Reiff, treasurer; and Miss Huffman, sponsor.

Left (top to bottom), Back Row: Cupp, Joyce Fetters, Irish, C. Hammond, Holloway, Gass, Humphrey. Second Row: Craven, Elston, Heller, French, S. Curry, K. Hefty, Hook. Front Row: Ingmire, J. Somers, Lakey, C. Herrberg, D. Hefty.

Back Row: B. Byrd, S. Reiff, Thoma, Brickley, Venis, Mead. Second Row: Baird, Esther Betz, Billingsley, Tangeman, Boswell, Grover, C. Miller. Front Row: Park, C. Bennett, Tyndal', Courtney, Pearson, Gallman, B. Bracht.

Back Row: Sutton, N. Sprague, Wilson, Miss Huffman, Reid, A. Sowards, Reber. Second Row: Ramsey, M. Taylor, Swagart, Phillabaum, J. Stogdill, Toms, Zook. Front Row: Weaver, M. Williams, Whitman, M. VanEmon, R. Somers, Warner, Terhune.

Back Row: N. Miller, A. Markley, Kiefer, Joyce Krinn, Betty McCarty, S. Markley, A. Keller, J. Messick. Second Row: Steele, C. Noonan, C. O'Brien, Maddux, Kummer, Jump, Kean, G. Perry. Front Row: H. Kahn, Judy Krinn, Minnich, McKinney, Houchin, C. Langel, Marilyn Harnish, M. Johnson.

Hi-Y — host District Officers' Training Conference

The Bluffton Hi-Y club hosted the District Officers' Training Conference in the fall. Christmas baskets for the needy and a tuberculosis drive were among the charitable activities.

The last fling of the year was the annual Best Girl Banquet. Here the '50-51 officers, Rem Johnston, president; Bill Wile, vice-president; Chad Fornshell, secretary; Bill Johnson, treasurer; and Mr. Ulmer, sponsor, welcomed next year's officers.

Each member strives to live according to the Hi-Y standards: clean sports, clean scholarship, clean speech and clean living.

Right, (top to bottom), Back Row: Bob McCarty, T. Stogdill, Gilliom, Fornshell, B. Uptgraft, Harvey. Second Row: Garton, Young, W. McBride, B. Johnson, R. Hay, Costello. Front Row: M. Gerber, Johnston, Jim Meyer, Mr. Ulmer, Wile, Carnall.

Back Row: D. Gerber, Gregg, Worthman, B. Moser, D. Wenger, Speheger. Second Row: McKee, Niblick, McIntosh, K. Fetters, Santon, F. Meyer. Front Row: Lounsbury, Darrel Irving, David Irving, Manley.

Back Row: Brewer, Boltin, Earhart, Nickel, D. Hammond, R. Brown, Reed. Second Row: D. Croy, Hedges, High, F. Reiff, C. Brown, Roth. Front Row: Jr. Kipfer, J. Croy, Bachelor, Sands.

Counterclockwise: Happiness is shown with smiles and sobs by Cathy, Bertha and Clem . . . the cast takes another curtain call . . . a look of surprise comes over the faces of Bertha, Mrs. Kelly, Ann and Mr. Kelly as Clem opens the door, unaware that Hank is about to enter.

CAST

Clementine Kelly	Carolyn Grover
Mary Kelly	Rachel Ramsey
Gerald Kelly	Tom Pfister
Bertha	Joyce Tyndall
Abe	Don Croy
Hank Mathews	Kay Earhart
Pete	John Meyer
Herby	Art Reed
Cathy	Cynthia Humphrey
Jane Ann	Nancy Baird
Ann McNeil	Shirley Reiff
Miss Prunella Pringle	Mart Warner
Prompter	Norma Park
Prompter	Marcia Jump

Clementine — authored by Bluffton's Peggy Goodin

Flash! "The novel, *Clementine,* by Peggy Goodin, receives national acclaim!" Flash! "*Clementine* is written in play form." Flash! "B. H. S. seniors choose *Clementine.*" Flash! "Senior thespians receive rave notices from local paper!"

Clem Kelly, an impish tomboy, would rather play football than go to dances. When her beau is claimed by her best girlfriend, Clem decides something must be done. With the help and advice of her speech teacher, she transforms into a pretty, young lady. All ends well when Hank asks her to the Hi-Y banquet.

Clockwise: Much attention is given the new freshman, Abigail Abbott, by Jack, Howie, Bill and Bobo, to the consternation of the younger co-eds on the campus . . . a happy cast after a record-breaking play . . . the stern Dean Gillingham does not seem moved by Professor Michael's argument.

Abigail Abbot	Shirley Reiff
Susan	Nancy Baird
Mrs. Miller	Carolyn Maddux
Sylvia	Joyce Tyndall
Bunny	Carol O'Brien
Helen	Martha Warner
Carrie	Margaret Toms
Clara	Carolyn Grover
Marge	Norma Park
Bobo	Chuck Boltin
Jack	John Meyer
Howie	Jim Fitzpatrick
Bill	Don Croy
Dean Gillingham	Rem Johnston
Professor Michaels	Kay Earhart
Prompter	Marcia Jump
Prompter	Sharon Sutton

Mother is a Freshman —

plays to record-smashing crowd

"Operator! Operator! This call is a matter of life and death!" These words, desperately spoken by Susan Abbott, provided the opening curtain cue.

The audience was receptive as Susan and her mother vied for the affections of Professor Michaels. Further intrigue was added by gossipy Clara and stern Dean Gillingham, who almost succeeded in expelling Mother.

Our efforts were well rewarded both by the breaking of the ticket sales record and by the loud ring of applause as the final curtain fell.

Girls' Glee Club — programs draw capacity crowds

"Okay! Let's go. Come on now, cut the talk. Let's go!" —a familiar cry from room 31 at 10:30.

An impressive Christmas Cantata and a varied Spring Festival were presented under the tutelage of Director Chamberlain, the tireless new vocal music instructor.

Officers were Sharon Sutton, president; Nancy Sprague, vice-president; Betty McCarty-Jane Thoma, secretaries; and Norma Park, treasurer.

Left (top to bottom), Back Row: M. Larmore, Kiefer, K. Hefty, Lee, C. Heller, Irish, Jump, Harmon, French. Front Row: S. Curry, Holloway, C. Langel, R. Johnson, J. Garrison, Hinesley, Collins, D. Hefty, Emshwiller.

Back Row: Mead, S. Markley, C. Noonan, Joan Messick, E. McBride, Jean Miller, Betty McCarty, Munson, Maddux. Front Row: Leimgruber, J. McFarren, Murray, McKinney, McAdams, C. Moser, E. Messick, S. Miller, P. Myers.

Back Row: Director Chamberlain, Cupp, Armey, P. Arnold, Andrews, Billingsley, Boswell, Barton, Craven. Front Row: Thoma, N. Sprague, Sutton, N. Park, Courtney, Bayless, C. Bennett, Bertsch, Baylog.

Back Row: Stuck, Venis, Reid, Tangeman, S. Reiff, J. Stogdill, C. O'Brien, Terhune, Zook. Front Row: Schaefer M. Taylor, Strain, Robbins, Whitman, Wolfcale, R. Somers, M. Van Emon, Rothgeb.

Band — display new uniforms to the public

Fifty-one members, decked in new uniforms, performed at home games and the Portland football tilt.

Mr. Newell H. Long of I. U. was guest conductor at the winter concert when the new tympani, bass and snare drums were initiated and his "Lincoln Overture" was featured.

Other public appearances were at the district and state solo and band contests, the spring concert and commencement.

Right (top to bottom), Back Row: Lockwood, Pearson, J. Noonan, C. Hammond, Marilyn Harnish, C. Steele, M. Davis. Front Row: Norma Miller, K. Boltin, Darrel Irving, David Irving.

Back Row: D. Vore, B. Davis, Jr. Kipfer, T. French, Morris Harnish, Hyde, M. Ulmer, Neenah Miller. Front Row: Niblick, Reed, Wile, Mallers, C. McCarty, B. Steele, P. Perry.

Back Row: Elliott, N. Sowards, A. Davis, C. Ellenberger, H. Sprague, Hovde, Gebele, Hower, Judy Krinn, Gallman, M. Johnson, C. Herrberg, Collins. Front Row: Joyce Fetters, S. Ellenberger, A. Sowards, Hook.

Left to Right: McIntosh, J. Harvey, McKee, Director Schlatter, R. Brown, K. Noonan, J. Byrd, M. Markley, Young.

Our

Sports,

though showing decided changes in style and equipment, still maintain the same goal — whether cheerfully winning or tearfully losing, good sportsmanship is all important.

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Varsity — wearers of the major "B"

Left, Row 1:
Betz, Homer—Baseball.
Boltin, Chuck—Football, Basketball Student Manager.
Braun, Jerry—Baseball, Football.
Costello, Jim—Football.
Croy, Don—Track.

Row 2:
Earhart, Kay—Track, Basketball Student Manager.
Fitzpatrick, Jim—Football, Basketball.
Fornshell, Chad—Track, Basketball.
Gilliom, Dick—Football, Baseball, Basketball.
Gregg, Jim—Football.

Row 3:
Grove, Jim—Football, Baseball, Track.
Hay, Russell—Basketball.
Hedges, Kenny—Football.
Johnston, Rem—Football.
Keller, Doyle—Track.

Row 4:
Knox, Don—Basketball.
Meyer, Fred—Track, Basketball.
Meyer, Jim—Track.
Moser, Bill—Football, Track, Basketball.
Santon, Ted—Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track.

Right, Top Row:
Speheger, Ned—Football, Baseball.
Uptgraft, Bill—Football.
Worthman, Dick—Football, Basketball.

Bottom Row:
Johnston, Bill—Football Student Manager.
Langel, Bill—Baseball Student Manager.
Smith, Charles—Track Student Manager.

Snaps on opposite page: (Left) Our All-Conference football team members reading the sports section. (Right) When the going got tough and spirits were low, a ray of hope would shine through as our able yell leaders, Judy Irish, Mart Warner, Carol O'Brien and Betty McCarty, led the fans in a rousing cheer. Right Top: The victorious Tigers. Right Bottom: "The Thing" — arms and legs galore, but no ball. Gilliom, aiding New Haven player, received the foul. Hum-m.

Back Row: Elzey, Ferguson, Speheger, W. Uptgraft, Worthman, Gilliom, Wenger, Santon, Gregg, T. Stodgill. Second Row: Mgr. Roth, Mgr. Johnson, Line Coach Larmore, F. Reiff, Moser, Brewer, Jim Cobb, R. Brown, McCarty, Head Coach Dold, End Coach Compton. Front Row: Hedges, Vaughn, Bachelor, Fitzpatrick, Grove, Braun, Costello, Johnston, C. Boltin, Garton.

Football — Tigers finish second in Conference Race

Finishing the '50 football season with relatively few injuries, the Tigers recorded one of the most successful years in B. H. S. history, losing only to South Side, Warsaw and New Haven. With backfield and line play sparkling and superb aerial attacks, Bluffton won five games, three with tremendous punches in the last quarter to keep the fans on their feet till the final gun sounded.

Six gridders received honors at the close of the season by gaining berths on the N. E. I. C. All Conference teams: first team, Guard Kenny Hedges, Fullback Ted Santon and End Dick Worthman; Second team, Quarterback Jim Fitzpatrick; and honorable mention, End Bill Moser and Guard Chuck Boltin. Worthman received even further acclaim by being chosen to several state wide teams.

Of the major lettermen eight were seniors, but six of the varsity will return to don the black and crimson for the '51 gridiron season.

Lower Left: Coach Dold gives last second instructions to Grove before sending him into the Portland battle. Lower Right: Roger Roth and Bill Johnson, our faithful managers, have tasks to perform despite the tenseness of the action.

Upper Left: Santon (17), Moser (20) and Braun (8) clean up the interference, not knowing that Portland's rear guard had Grove (2) from behind. Upper Right: The Tiger forward wall holds as Fitzpatrick (11), Santon (17) and Worthman (21) stop a Warsaw ball carrier. Hedges (19) closes in for the kill as Gregg (18) surveys the action.

Gridders win five games, lose three

	We	They
Decatur	12	6
South Side	6	26
Auburn	12	9
Columbia City	13	7
Warsaw	7	27
Garrett	7	6
Portland	14	7
New Haven	12	19

Lower Left: "Oh, my head!" moans Worthman (on ground) as he misses a pass by inches. Moser, the other Bluffton end, registers like disappointment. Lower Right: It's the end of the line for this South Side back as Costello (back to camera) gets ready to "dump" him. Fitzpatrick (11), Boltin (15) and Worthman smash in.

Back row: Asst. Coach Dold, Speheger, F. Meyer, Fornshell, Gilliom, Worthman, Santon, Coach Compton. Front Row: Fitzpatrick, Knox, B. Moser, Jim Cobb, Grove. Not Pictured: R. Hay.

Basketball — "Hoosier Hoopla" claims many fans

The "hoop-happy" Tigers and Mentor Dee Compton finished a very rugged season with an undisputed second place in the N. E. I. C., losing only two conference games.

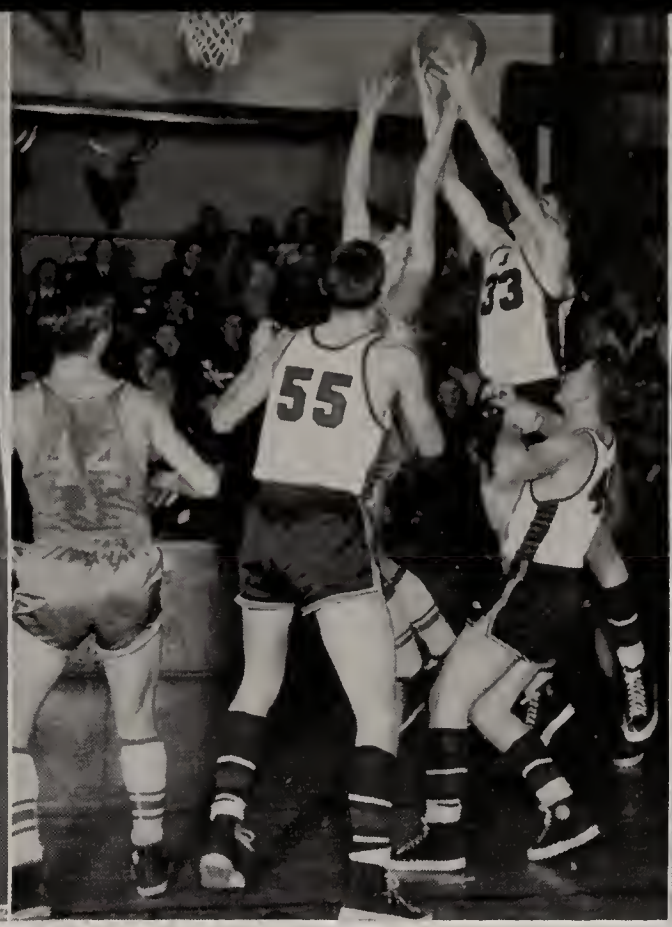
This year's courtmen were a well-balanced crew with poise and natural teamwork, though they sometimes lacked the consistency to pull them through. There were those cold nights when our netters couldn't seem to find the range.

The season as a whole was one of the most thrilling to be seen in "Tiger Town" for many years. The cagers played five out of nine home games with less than four points as a final margin. Ironically, our hardwooders came through when the opposition was the stiffest, e. g., South Side, Auburn, Kendallville, Decatur.

Excitement was the word even to the end of the season in the Hoosier Sectional Classic. Rockcreek's Hal Arnold sunk a twenty-five foot peg as the final gun sounded; the bucket broke a tie which brought a sad climax to the thrilling rally of the Bluffton five.

Dick Worthman was chosen first team guard and Don Knox and Bill Moser honorable mention on the N. E. I. C. All-Conference team.

Left: A last second word from Coach Compton before Chad Fornshell enters the New Haven game. Center: "That's it, brother, the old relaxation," one of our "Doc" Blackman's favorite phrases, becomes a reality to Dick Gilliom between halves. Right: The half-time scramble to balance score books and shot charts is on for our managers, Chuck Boltin, Kay Earhart and Ned Carnall.

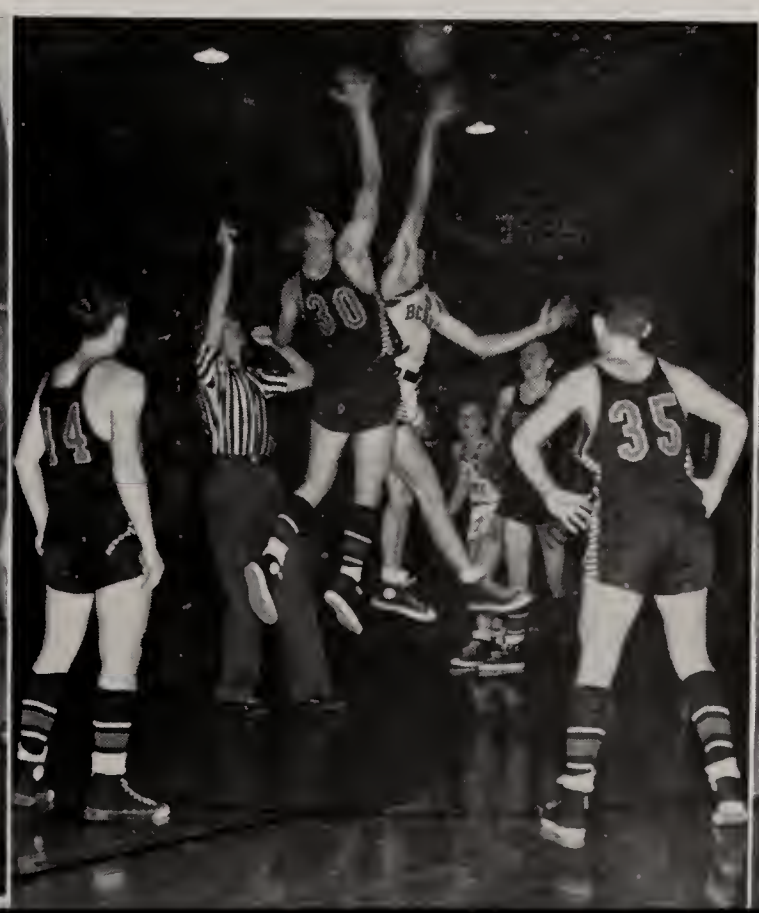


Upper Left: Fornshell (55) goes up after one with a New Havener as Fitzpatrick (35) stands ready. Center: Gilliom (33) snatches "candy from a baby." Right: Moser (30) and Knox (40) aren't going to lose this ball without a tussle.

Netters Finish Strong Second in N. E. I. C.

	We	They
Portland	39	47
Columbia City	37	41
South Side	51	46
Decatur	54	52
Warren	33	43
Dunkirk	29	49
Huntington Catholic	40	42
Berne	45	38
Winchester	47	49
Decatur (Holiday Tourney)	51	59
Berne (Holiday Tourney)	52	47
Rockcreek	38	51
New Haven	46	48
Garrett	65	53
Ossian	52	51
Kendallville	50	48
Warsaw	64	62
Decatur	53	57
Central Catholic	32	48
Auburn	48	44
Rockcreek (Sectional)	37	39

Lower Left: "Curly" Santon (50) lays one up and in for two. Center: Moser (30) tips as Knox (44) and Santon (35) are ready to set up a play. Right: "The grace of an athlete" is truly exemplified by Worthman as he out jumps Portland's "Jumpin'-Jack" Sebring (44) for a thrilling rebound.



Above left: "Kittens" Ned Speheger (50), Fred Nickel (45) and Jack Dobson (44) keep their eyes glued on the ball. Right (Back row) J. Osborn, Roth, Garton, Dobson, Sawyer. (front row) Brewer, Nickel, D. Hammond. (not pictured) B. Uptgraft.

"B" Team — future stars

	We	They
Portland	37	25
Columbia City	30	23
South Side	21	30
Decatur	30	26
Warren	32	26
Dunkirk	31	39
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Garrett	32	29
Ossian	19	27
Kendallville	30	38
Warsaw	23	24
Decatur	36	30
Central Catholic	33	37
Auburn	24	49

Intramural — competition

The eight intramural teams finished in this order:

1. GEEKS—K. Fetters, Kyle, R. Brown, D. Athan, Ferguson, Oman, Shady.
2. MACS—McCarty, Jim Meyer, Pfister, F. Moser, K. Boltin, Conklin, Costello.

2 (tie). MUCKETS—Vaughn, E. Betz, Cobbum, Harris, Herrberg, High, Myers.

3. JIG-A-BOOZ—Hedges, Knoble, Jay Kipfer, Bulger, Smith, Bercot, Braun.
4. SNARFS—Niblick, Gregg, McKee, Wile, Biberstein, Reiff.

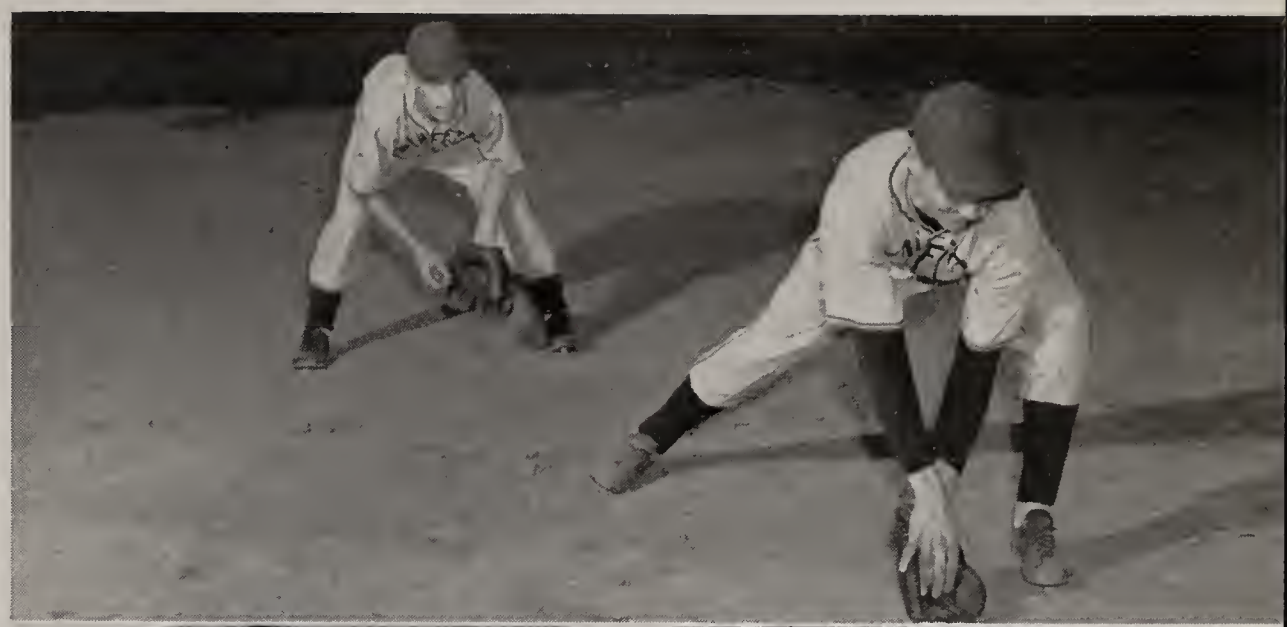
4 (tie). TWERPS—J. Uptgraft, Earhart, J. Croy, Crandall, D. Gerber, Sands, Holsinger.

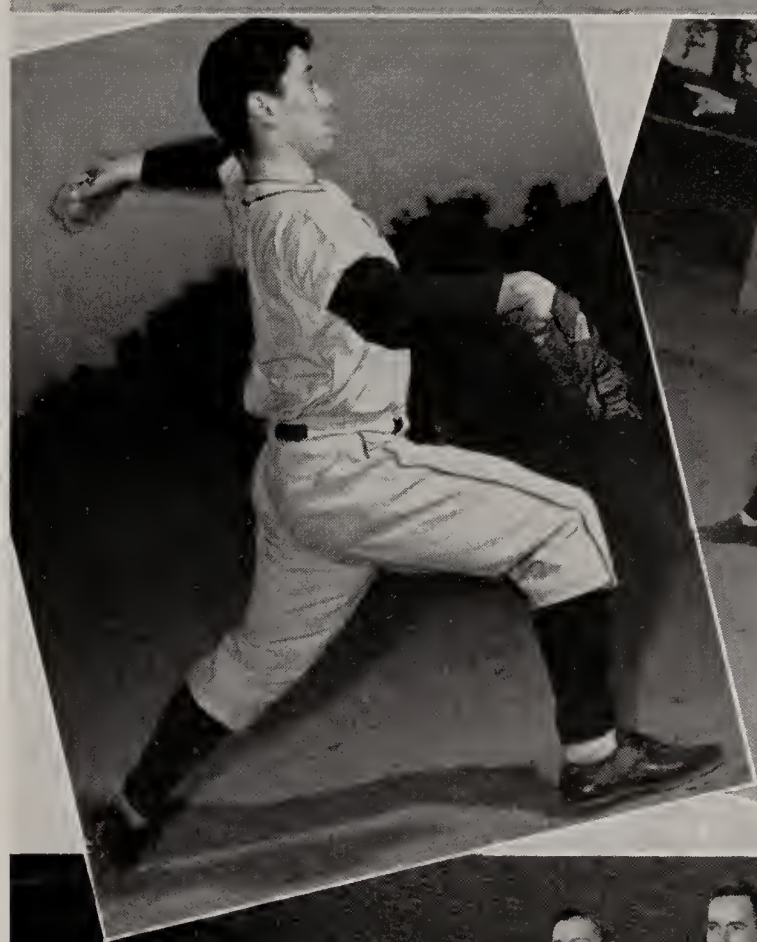
4 (tie). FAIRIES—Wenger, B. Miller, J. Harvey, H. Betz, Reed, Bachelor, J. Byrd.

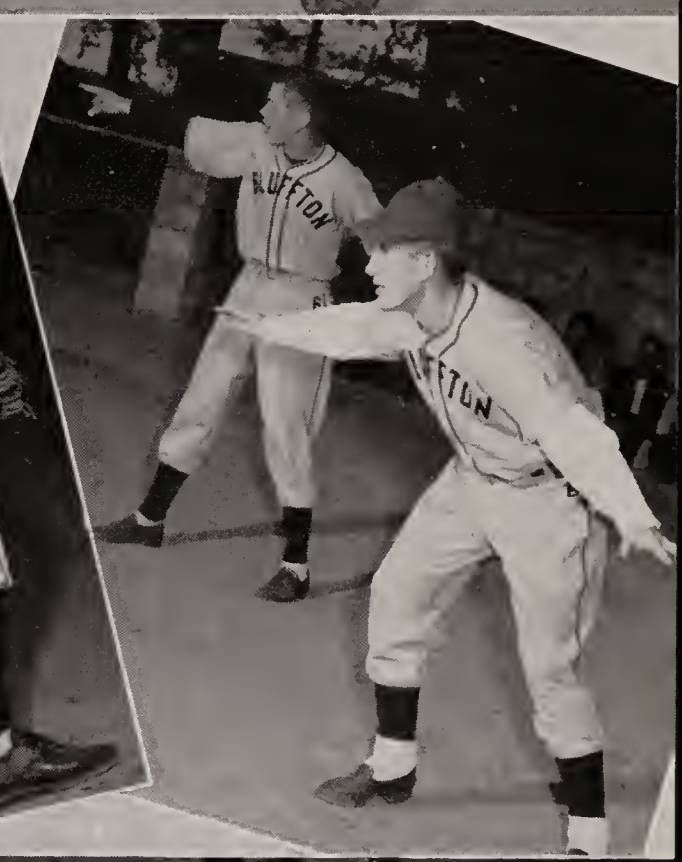
5. B B's—Boltin, D. Croy, Johnston, Messick, Ulmer, Schott.

Bottom left: Niblick, C. Boltin, D. Wenger, Hedges, J. Uptgraft, Vaughn, Bob McCarty. (kneeling) K. Fetters. Right: Kenny Fetters, coach, manager and captain of the champion "Geeks", relives the previous night's game with Athletic Director L. E. Templin.

Baseball — Tigers proud of new dugouts







The Tiger diamond nine won five out of ten games for Coach Compton and his "work-horse" hurlers. "Romey" Braun pitched twenty-five and two-thirds innings with nineteen hits and won two games, one a two-hitter. "Yogi" Grove delivered twenty-four and one-third innings allowing only sixteen hits. He also won two games, one a two-hitter. The record is as follows:

	We	They
Berne	3	7
New Haven	7	14
Decatur	0	4
Berne	2	8
Huntington Catholic	6	2
Dunkirk	9	0
Decatur	6	4
Decatur Catholic	5	4
Huntington Catholic	7	3
Warsaw	2	8

Top: Speheger traps a hot grounder with "Zeke" Betz backing him. Middle Left: The unpredictable "Yogi" Grove burns one in the groove. Middle Right: "Steal! Steal!" cries Jim Cobb as "Hopper" Knox heads for home.
(Bottom) Back Row: Knoble, Coach Compton, High. Second Row: Kyle, Speheger, Gilliom, R. Hay, Jim Cobb. Front Row: Knox, H. Betz, Garton, Mgr. Langel. Not Pictured: Braun, Moser, Santon, Grove, Nickel.

(Upper Left) Back Row: Coach Dold, Gregg, Earhart, Harvey, Mgr. Smith. Second Row: J. Osborn, F. Meyer, Fornshell, R. Brown, C. Boltin. Front Row: D. Croy, Jim Meyer, Dobson, Biberstein. Not Pictured: Grove, D. Keller, Moser, Santon, Speheger, Jim Cobb, High. Upper Right: Fornshell takes one more step before taking off on a long, long broad jump. Lower Left: Croy and Meyer "kick it" on the southwest turn and head for the tape. Lower Right: "Blackie" Meyer, frosh prodigy, steps over a high hurdle, a simple task for such a big lad.

Track and Field — Cindermen break records

Only four trackster lettermen returned to begin the 1950 track and field season. Inexperienced in most ranks, the track team won one meet and placed second in two three-way meets, amassing a total of 396 points.

Dick Magley grasped third place in the half-mile run of the state finals and, upon graduation, left a record half-mile of 2:00.3, not soon to be eclipsed. Team work, agility and speed were in further evidence in the mile relay team composed of Kay Earhart, Don Croy, Stan Nash and Dick Magley. The afternoon of the Columbia City meet this fleetfooted quartet broke the existing Wilson Field record and set a new 3:41.2 mile relay time.

Coach of the victorious 1950 thinlies was Mr. Leslie Dold, with Dave Park and Charles Smith student managers.

We, 59½, Dunkirk 49½; **We**, 46½, Royerton 62⅔; **We** 48, Decatur 55, Berne 29; **We** 35, Columbia City 74; Marion Relays 46; **We** 47, Portland 39, Central Catholic 66; **We** 38, Ft. Wayne Central 32½, Huntington 40½; Conference 25.

G. A. A. — many strive for coveted letters

"Tumbling tonight? Oh, my aching back!"—quite a familiar phrase around the halls of B. H. S. come Wednesday evening. Even though every sport isn't equally popular with every participant, the Girls' Athletic Association has striven towards its goal of stimulating good health, better sportsmanship and clean living among the weaker sex.

Through the medium of soccer, stunts and tumbling, basketball and a host of other activities (see below), Miss Sullivan, sponsor, and the G. A. A. officers, President Sharon Sutton, Vice-President Kay Hefty, Secretary Diann Brickley and Treasurer Joan Stogdill, have tried and are succeeding in creating a rich, lucrative program. The bulk of the membership comes from the freshman class, which largely accounts for the unbridled enthusiasm.

Collecting the autographs of ten boys on a raw egg, counting the windows in the school and obtaining a 1948 calendar were just a few items comprising the informal initation. Having survived this, as well as the formal ceremony, and having climbed the ladder of the G. A. A. merit system, a girl is eligible for the coveted black major "B".

Left to Right: Judy Garrison, table tennis; Sue Bayless, softball; Harriet Sprague, tennis; Sharon Sutton, golf; Kay Robbins, badminton; Mary Markley, swimming; Judy Krinn, basketball; Doris Wilson, volleyball; Joyce Krinn, softball; Carolyn Noonan, bowling.

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